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KATE'S SMILES ON CHURCH TRIP

WE'RE ALL GRIN IT TOGETHER

Trip . . . Kate, and inset, King and Queen yesterday

By JULIA ATHERLEY

THE Princess of Wales beamed yesterday as the Royal Family put on a united front to attend church — days after Prince Harry announced he and wife Meghan are returning to the UK.

The royals are gathered in Balmoral with the King and Queen for their annual retreat.

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Royals' united front over Harry & Meg return

RUSSIA SNUB TO LONDON

VLAD PULLS LYING ENVOY OUT OF UK

Withdrawn . . . Kelin

By NICK PARKER

VLADIMIR Putin's ambassador in London has been recalled to Moscow in another sign a direct war with Russia is looming.

Andrei Kelin, 69, has been withdrawn from his post – with fears that the Kremlin is preparing to launch military strikes.

It comes after his ominous warning that Britain would face consequences for arming Ukraine in its drone fightback.

No successor has been nominated to replace him, amid speculation Moscow may downgrade the post due to the full breakdown in diplomacy between Russia and Britain.

Kelin – notorious for his barefaced lies in TV interviews, such as denying Russia was about to invade Ukraine, weeks before it happened – is now tipped to be parachuted into Russia's senate and represent the Mordovia region, dubbed the Land of Prisons.

He will have to promote the place where Putin's enemies get banged up in gulags, with disturbing reports of torture.

The expected political career comes as a reward for serving an unusually long seven-year stint as Putin's man in London.

Before flying home, Kelin accused Britain of waging a "proxy war" that has killed Russian soldiers and civilians.

He added: "The UK is leading a coalition of the willing whose main objective is to destroy Russia or diminish its capabilities."

Kelin went on to deny Putin was poised to start World War Three and attack Britain or Europe, but urged the West not to boost defence budgets – even though Putin is doing so.

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Move raises war fears

Chilly . . . home-worker

£610k on taxman's WFH bills

By ELEANOR GUNN

CIVIL servants who work from home have been handed more than £600,000 to pay for their heating bills.

Taxpayer-subsidised payments for HM Revenue and Customs staff have more than doubled, from £95,000 in 2022 to £211,000 in 2026.

In total, workers in the government's third-largest department have been given handouts of £610,000 for heating.

HMRC revealed seven per cent of its workers – 5,259 people – can claim.

Shadow Cabinet Office minister Mike Wood, told The Sunday Telegraph: "Families have enough on their plate without having to shell out for public servants."

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Billions to store gas bought overseas

By ELEANOR GUNN

PM ANDY Burnham is considering spending billions to store foreign natural gas to help protect Britain's energy security.

Ministers are said to be looking at buying a huge ship to house liquefied gas or creating a Government stockpile for emergencies.

But critics argue the PM should prioritise drilling in the North Sea rather than relying on fuel from overseas.

The plans – published by the Net Zero department – are designed to protect against turmoil in global supply chains.

But the Government admitted they would require an unprecedented investment in the gas market and added no decision had been made.

David Whitehouse of OEUK – representing the North Sea sector – said: "It makes no sense to increase Britain's dependence on imported gas.

"With pragmatic Government action the North Sea can continue to play a significant role in meeting Britain's gas needs."

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ROBO NUTS AND BOLT

Spark out . . crash and burn at end

Non-human race . . . machines run

By NICK MIAO

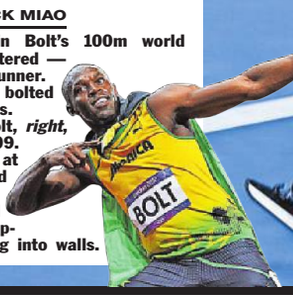
OLYMPIC great Usain Bolt's 100m world record has been shattered — by a Chinese robot runner.

The bot, *main pic*, bolted home in 9.32 seconds.

Jamaica sprinter Bolt, *right*, recorded 9.58 in 2009.

The robots were at the World Humanoid Games in Beijing.

But some crashed and burned after tripping over or careering into walls.



Picture: ACHMAD IBRAHIM/AP

Graduate jobs low

GRADUATE job vacancies have fallen to a record low, piling pressure on debt-laden young people leaving university.

There were 8,383 graduate jobs on offer in July – down 45.6 per cent on the same time last year.

It is also a huge drop on 2017 when there were 55,000 available roles, jobsite Adzuna found.

Around 465,000 degrees are awarded to undergraduates in the UK each academic year.

Planning by mayor

METRO mayors will be handed sweeping powers to overrule councils and force through major housing developments.

They will be also be able to grant developers permission to build upfront with no planning applications, and will have a bigger say on how housing funding is spent.

PM Andy Burnham admitted the move may weaken local voices, but insisted councils had to sometimes be challenged.

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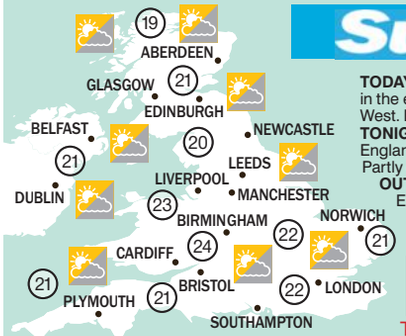

TODAY: Sunny spells in the north-west. Mostly cloudy in the east, Midlands, and London. Cloudy in the south-West. Dry and settled conditions elsewhere.

TONIGHT: Mostly cloudy across western and central England. Eastern regions experience fair conditions. Partly cloudy in the south with light winds.

OUTLOOK: Tuesday sees cloudy skies across England with mild temperatures. By Wednesday, rain showers in the morning, turning mostly cloudy later.

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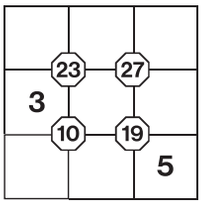

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

BROADCASTER **STEPHEN FRY, 69**, *left*, The Crown's **JARED HARRIS, 65**, Harry Potter star **RUPERT GRINT, 38**, *right*, model and 45th in line to the throne **LADY AMELIA WINDSOR, 31**, and composer **JEAN-MICHEL JARRE, 78**.

● **Last night's Health Lottery numbers: 24, 33, 43, 45, 47. Bonus: 19.**

ATACK'S 'PERFECT' WEDDING

Grin-betweeners . . . thrilled Emily and Alistair

Pictures: GEORGE GOTTLIEB /GEORGEONABOAT

Emily Attached

RIVALS STAR TIES KNOT AS GUESTS GET MACCIES TREAT

Lovin' it . . . McDonald's van

By EMILY STEDMAN

ACTRESS Emily Atack has married scientist Alistair Garner — and they celebrated with McDonald's desserts.

Rivals and Inbetweeners star Emily, 36, described the big day as "perfect".

She also confirmed there is a second wedding to come.

Photos of their nuptials at the weekend show a McDonald's van, which served sweet treats at the bash beside a sign saying "Mr and Mrs Garner".

Emily said on Instagram: "Yesterday we officially got married among close family and friends. It was absolutely perfect.

"I can't believe we get to do all that again in a few weeks. Christ, we have fun don't we, [Alistair]."

Emily wore white at the traditional ceremony at a chapel.

Photos she shared show the couple with glasses of booze in front of a classic car.

The pair were also pictured laughing as they were covered in confetti.

Emily and Alistair, who have a son Barney, two, began dating in 2022.

It is thought the second ceremony will be in Spain.

Emily's famous friends flocked to the comments section to wish them well after the wedding.

Bake Off winner Candice Brown wrote: "Beautiful . . . congratulations."

Towie star Jess Wright said: "Awwww incredible."

And Dermot O'Leary's wife Dee Koppang, a director on drama series Rivals, said: "Huge love to you both."

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Met her match . . . in Rivals

Burnham is now responsible for his party's self-inflicted wounds. And things beyond his control threaten to make it much worse

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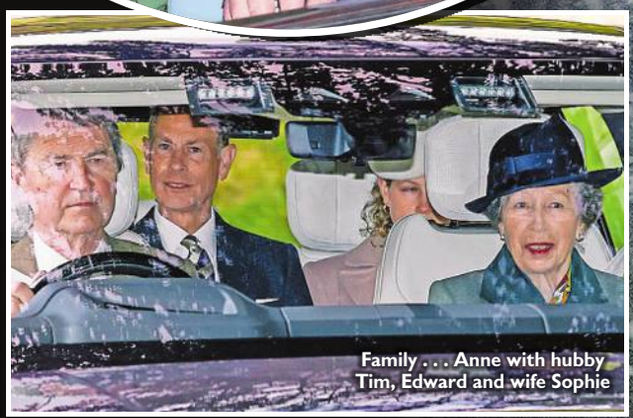
CROWDS ARE THRILLED TO SEE ROYAL FAMILY SHOW OF UNITY STANDING

Service . . . King Charles and Queen Camilla arrive at church



Family . . . Anne with hubby Tim, Edward and wife Sophie

Picture: JANE BARLOW/PA

Grinning . . . Sophie and Anne

IT WAS business as usual for the Royal Family yesterday as they attended church near Balmoral days after Prince Harry announced he would be returning to the UK.

The Princess of Wales beamed as "The Firm" kept calm and carried on – despite Harry and wife Meghan's move sending shockwaves through royal circles.

All working members of the Royal Family are gathered in the Highlands with the King as their annual retreat turned into talks on the Sussexes.

Kate, 44, was all smiles as Prince William, also 44, drove to the service with her and children Prince George, 13, Princess Charlotte, 11, and Prince Louis, eight. She wore a white ruffle-collared shirt under a tweed blazer, a hat and statement gold earrings.

By JULIA ATHERLEY

The Duke of Sussex, 41, is believed to be arriving back in the UK in the next week, but Wills and Kate have not spoken publicly about Harry and wife Meghan's imminent return.

Sources say the deep rift between the two brothers shows no signs of healing.

King Charles, 77, and Queen Camilla, 79, were driven to the church while the Princess Royal, 76, and her 71-year-old husband Sir Tim Laurence were in another of the cars.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, 62 and 61, and their 22-year-old daughter Lady Louise were also spotted.

Troops from Balaklava Company, 5th Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland, provided a guard of honour as the family members arrived at the church in Crathie, Aberdeenshire, with soldiers lining up on either side of the leafy driveway.

The small Church of Scotland parish kirk is the family's regular place of worship when they are at Balmoral, and Queen Elizabeth II regularly attended services there. On the morning that Princess Diana died in August 1997, Princes William and Harry were taken to the regular Sunday service at the chapel along with other members of the Royal Family.

Yesterday a crowd of onlookers had gathered outside the front of the church to witness the royals' arrival.

About an hour after, they left the church to a cheer from the assembled well-wishers.

Their cars then passed back through the guard of honour, before making their way down the road towards Balmoral.

King Charles, who is also yet to publicly comment on his youngest son's return with Meghan, 45, and their children Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five, was understood to be welcoming the opportunity to see

It's once in a lifetime.. to see them in person
– JAYNE WILLIAMS

SEE KATE, WILLS & KIDS

MEET-UP AS MEG & HARRY TO RETURN

Arrival . . . Kate smiles as Wills drives. George & Charlotte can be seen behind with Louis, inset

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more of the young family in a private capacity. Harry and Meghan have already secured somewhere to live, with rumours they will set up home in the Cotswolds.

They are said to have been keen to move to the UK in time for the new school year.

Jayne Williams, from Pencoed, in South Wales, was among the crowd outside the kirk.

The 65-year-old said she was in the Highlands on holiday, and that it was "just a fluke" she happened to be visiting the Balmoral area on the day members of the Royal Family were attending a church service.

She explained: "We saw all the soldiers in the car park, thought what the heck's going on, asked the policeman, and he informed us that the Royal Family were going to turn up. We stayed to get a glimpse of as many of them as we can."

She said she saw the King and Charlotte waving as the cars went past, and that it was "an incredible experience" to see members of the Royal Family in the flesh.

She added: "It's once in a lifetime. It's just amazing to see them actually in person when all you see normally is in magazines and on the TV."

This was echoed by Fiona Wallace, 59, who had travelled down from Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, for the occasion.

She described seeing the royals close up as "overwhelming". She said: "I didn't bother much with the Royal Family, but now I've seen them, it's different. I'd like to see more."

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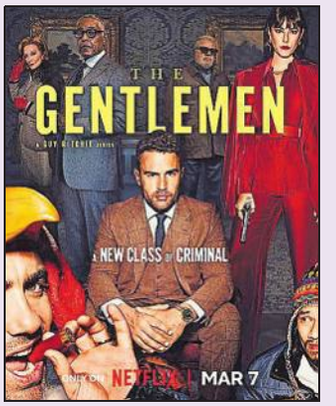
Royals return . . . Meghan Netflix talks a factor in pair's UK move



Netflix smash . . . The Gentlemen

Meghan 'is still in talks over crime romp role'

EXCLUSIVE by ED SOUTHGATE, MATT WILKINSON and AMIR RAZAVI

THE Duchess of Sussex is still in talks to star in Guy Ritchie's The Gentlemen – despite claims she had been axed after a public backlash.

Netflix bosses are eager to feature Meghan's screen comeback but no formal agreement has been reached.

A source said: "Her return to acting is expected to draw a large audience of both her supporters and critics, and is likely to make a lot of money. It will be seen as a major coup for whoever signs her.

"But Hollywood deals often go up to the wire, and jobs are rarely ever set in stone until the last minute."

It comes after esteemed royal author Tina Brown claimed Meghan had been dropped from the project, writing: "The backlash was so intense it became untenable to go forward."

Last week we told, *left*, that the Duchess was in talks to play a temptress in Netflix's action-comedy series about an aristocratic family who turn to crime.

The main character is a duke who formerly served in the Army – just like Meghan's husband Prince Harry.

The hugely-popular first series in 2024 was even advertised with the slogan "every heir needs a spare", echoing Harry and brother William.

The show features Ritchie hallmarks such as underworld thugs, drugs, sex, murders and very strong language.

Meghan, who we revealed last week is returning to the UK imminently with Harry and their two children, also has a strong relationship with Netflix.

It is expected any deal to sign her for the show would be worth over £1million.

In 2022, the former Suits star said she had no intention of going back to acting, telling Variety magazine: "I'm done. I guess never say never, but my intention is to absolutely not."

But ongoing talks for a role in The Gentlemen is understood to be one of the factors that helped the Sussexes decide their move back to Britain.

One of her potential co-stars Chanel Cresswell – who plays Tammy – posted online jokes about Harry and Meghan's wedding in 2018.

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STAR PAIR IN MARRIAGE SPLIT

Busy . . . Vernon out shopping before move and, inset, with Tess

Star . . . Tess all glammed up as host on Strictly

Picture: TILLENDOVE

VERN ON THE MOVE

DJ Kay quits Tess home

RADIO 2 DJ Vernon Kay is preparing to move out of the family home he shared with Tess Daly following their split earlier this year.

Friends said the 52-year-old had bought a property 15 minutes away to stay close to the former Strictly presenter and their two daughters.

The house, which pals said cost close to £3million and boasts a pool and extensive grounds, is now being renovated by Vernon.

He and Tess, 57, announced the end of their 23-year marriage in May – but said they remained close. A source said: "They've been navigating the end of their marriage carefully and haven't rushed into anything.

"Vernon has now bought a place close to the family home in Buckinghamshire. It means he can stay close to their girls, which is something important to both him and Tess.

"He's having renovations done and will move out when the house is ready.

"Tess is supporting him with the move.

"It's going to be very strange for them after living together for over two decades, so they're both treating the situation with care and respect."

In the weeks before they confirmed the end of their marriage, Vernon and Tess went on holiday with daughters Phoebe, 21, and Amber, 16. Both shared snaps online from the sunny Caribbean getaway

Insiders said Vernon and Tess were continuing to plan on holidaying as a family.

A source added: "They might not be together now but with their daughters, they are still a family unit.

"Their girls mean the world to them and their feelings have been at the forefront of everything in their separation.

"They still love spending time together as a family. Being separated doesn't change that."

We revealed their split in May, *left*. They married in 2003, two years after first being introduced.

EXCLUSIVE by ELLIE HENMAN

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MADGE AND KYLIE'S LOVE-IN SEE PAGES 12 & 13

POLICE PURSUIT ENDS IN OUR HERO

Tributes to gun cops killed in head-on crash

By PAUL SIMS and OSCAR JAEGER

TRIBUTES were paid yesterday to the gun cops killed in a head-on smash with five youths in a speeding car — with the devastated wife of one saying: "Forever our superhero".

PC Matthew Blades' wife Sarah, the mother of their two young sons, said her husband had been "loved beyond words" and was "an incredible father".

And a friend of PC Tom Clough, 37, who died alongside him when their armed response vehicle was struck by a VW Passat being driven on the wrong side of the road, added: "He was taken too soon."

The youths also died in the 3.39am collision on Saturday on the A66 dual carriageway near Middlesbrough. It remained closed yesterday as an accident investigation continued.

Father-of-two PC Blades – known as "Matty" – had married devoted Sarah only in April last year.

Their sons are six and eight and he had been looking forward to coaching the youngest at their local football club.

In her touching tribute, Sarah wrote: "No words will ever feel like the right words to honour our Matt.

"He was loved beyond words by all his family and friends, and his loss has left a space that can never be filled. He gave his life in the line of duty, protecting and serving others with courage, dedication and selflessness. The pain of losing him is beyond words, and our lives will never be the same.

"Our children will grow up knowing what an incredible father he was and will always be.

"He may have left this world committed to the duty he believed in, but his greatest legacy will always be the love he gave to his family.

"Forever loved. Forever missed. Forever our superhero."

PC Clough, who had served in Iraq, was described as a "true friend, fantastic soldier and I have no doubt even better police officer".

In a statement released last night his family said: "He was our hero and had a fantastic sense of humour. He jumped into action whenever needed, and was willing to help anyone for any reason.

"He proudly fought for his country to make the world a better place and was always on public duty throughout his short life. We, as a family, and Tom's partner would like to express our sincere gratitude for the overwhelming support and condolences from friends, colleagues and the wider community."

Pal Kevin Pennick added: "Taken far too soon. Words fail me. Until we meet again sleep tight my mate."

The officers' Chief Constable Victoria Fuller fought back tears as she spoke of their "unimaginable loss".

She said: "These were brave officers, protecting our communities and serving our residents, who didn't return home to their families at the end of their shift."

Those in the Passat, who were pronounced dead at the scene, were named as Michael Cahill, 23, Theo Rae, 17, Jakub Matusiak, 23, Makai Saddington, 18, and Cole Worthy, 17.

Documents obtained by The Sun show Saddington was in court last month accused of assaulting a police sergeant and racially abusing a PC. He also posted phone footage on TikTok of another police chase he was involved in.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct watchdog said the Passat was on cloned plates and linked to "numerous incidents" when it activated an Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera before the accident.

It was sighted by an armed response vehicle which gave chase and analysis of its in-car footage shows the pursuit went on for just under seven minutes before the Passat drove towards oncoming traffic on the A66. Police abandoned their pursuit but ten seconds later it ploughed into the marked car being driven by PC Blades and PC Clough.

They had not been involved in the pursuit but were in the area searching for the Passat.

Their vehicle, which seemingly flipped over, was covered by a tarpaulin yesterday and debris from the smash still littered the carriageway. A forensic tent was set up next to the mangled Passat.

PCs Blades and Clough, both experienced cops, had been members of Cleveland Police's Serious Organised Crime Unit. Officer Blades recently joined Seaton Carew FC where his youngest lad was in the Under-7s.

In a statement, the club said: "Matty was preparing for his first season with our brand-new U7 Seahawks team. He was looking forward to being part of the team and, most importantly, to coaching his own son, who is going to be playing for the Seahawks.

"Matty and his oldest son are much-loved members of our club and our U10 Lions football family."

One pal said: "Matty was so much more than a coach. He was a role model, mentor and friend. He was someone the children looked up to and admired."

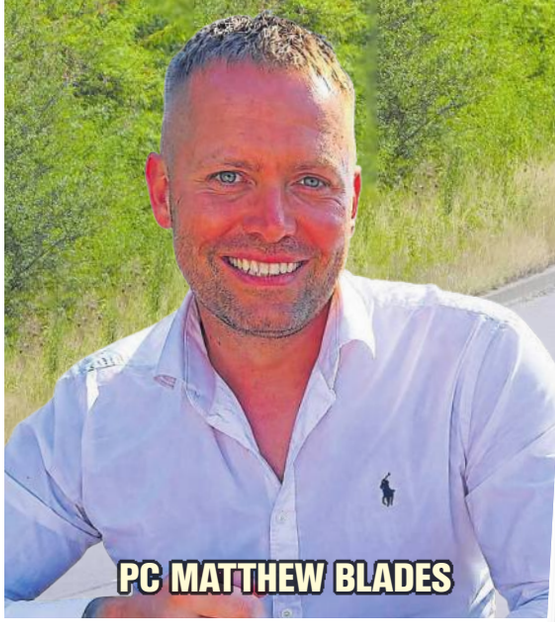
PC Blades was also a keen amateur rugby player and turned out for West Hartlepool RFC.

It said: "Matty was the much-loved older brother of Tim, Hannah and Reuben Blades and a friend to many of our players.

"His loss will be deeply felt throughout our rugby family and the wider community."

Flowers and balloons were laid at a police cordon near the accident scene yesterday. The road is expected to reopen today. The

PC TOM CLOUGH


PC MATTHEW BLADES

HORROR SMASH ON A66

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5 lads dead in wrong-way car are named

MICHAEL-CAHILL, 23

MAKAI-SADDINGTON, 18

JAKUB MATUSIAK, 23

THEO RAE, 17

COLE-WORTHY, 17

IOPC will assess the moments before, during and after the crash and study doorbell footage which captured the Passat hurtling through a residential street three minutes before the fatal collision.

IOPC spokesman Derrick Campbell said: "We've obtained initial accounts of officers involved in the pursuit, the incident log and in-car footage of the incident.

"Work is ongoing to obtain additional material. IOPC investigators will continue to review and analyse all the available evidence."

Cleveland Police Federation set up a GoFundMe page to support the officers' families. It had raised more than £200,000 last night.

A message read: "PC Matt Blades and PC Tom Clough were dedicated and committed Police Officers who left their families and went to work to serve their community and protect the public.

"Tragedy struck these two brave Cleveland Police colleagues and they paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. They did not return home to their families.

"They leave behind heartbroken loved ones who will struggle to come to terms with their loss."

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Footage . . . officers pursue car

COPS 'LURED TO CHASE'

By PAUL SIMS, Special Correspondent

TWO of the teenagers who died had posted videos on TikTok appearing to show them having lured police into high-speed chases.

Theo Rae, 17, uploaded footage last month captured through the rear windscreen of a car screeching and swerving across a road.

The video shows police cars with their blue lights flashing.

One passenger says: "Step on it." The driver appears to steer towards oncoming traffic and in a remark seemingly directed at police says: "Wrong side. You can't follow, bruv."

Another occupant can be heard saying: "Slow down, slow down."

Makai Saddington, 18, posted footage in March, appearing to be of him driving an Audi leading police on a chase through Middlesbrough. He escapes by going over a field.

THE Sun SAYS

Read the mood

YOU would think the universal disgust at the Home Office's shameful leaflet politely asking illegal migrants kindly not to rape women and girls would shake Labour MPs out of their complacency.

But fantasist backbenchers **STILL** want to force Shabana Mahmood to water down her wider migration crackdown.

After millions of migrants arrived in the last half-decade, Mahmood rightly wants to wrest back control.

That's not racist, it's common sense.

It's also why today, former Labour Home Secretary Alan Johnson warns if the Government caves in to around 90 of its own Labour MPs, furious voters will turn to other parties.

The public mood of rage is clear.

It's also why Mahmood is responding by now looking again at plans to deport illegals to a third country for their asylum claims to be processed.

Labour once did everything in its power to block the Tories' Rwanda scheme, before Sir Keir Starmer stupidly axed it on day one in power.

So if her own party can force her to climb down over her proposals to make it harder for legal migrants to settle here, what chance does Mahmood have of getting through the tough deterrent badly needed for illegal migrants?

Will Andy Burnham have the stomach to help her take on the leftist mob who put their virtue-signalling above public safety?

Ship of fools

BRITS pay some of the highest electricity prices in the world.

Our creaking National Grid operates under threat of blackouts at any time thanks to unreliable renewables.

Our national debt stands at almost **£3TRILLION**. So what is Andy Burnham considering?

Spending billions on a massive ship with a likely huge carbon footprint to store **MORE** imported liquefied gas.

Wouldn't it be better to open up new drilling at the Jackdaw and Rosebank North Sea reserves instead?

That would give the UK more energy security and our own gas could be flogged on the markets, improving our current trade deficit.

Just a thought, PM.

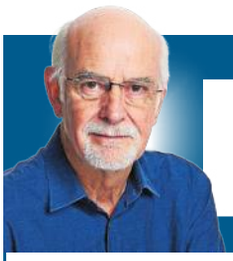
Tax freeze

CAN there be a better example of Government madness than taxpayers funding the energy bills of civil servants who choose to work from home?

Presumably, working families also have to pay for the upkeep of HMRC's half-empty offices, too?

Pay rises for public sector workers massively outstrip those in the private sector yet their productivity is so bad it costs the country £80billion a year.

But don't expect this to be fixed any time soon because Angela Rayner claims it isn't a problem. So that's alright then.



Trevor Kavanagh ON MONDAY

Only growth in Britain is crime, jobless and inflation. PM's **brave** to want an early election

AFTER barely 35 days in Number Ten South, Andy Burnham is already eyeing up an early election, perhaps next Spring.

The new PM wants to take advantage of a divided right to "change" Britain into a new socialist Utopia.

He's made a brilliant start by promising "prosperity in every postcode".

Now he wants a migrant hostel in every Tory constituency. Newcomers from such freedom-loving states as Pakistan and Afghanistan would be urged by leaflet to refrain from raping women and children and making "kissing noises".

Andy thinks these measures will embarrass what Labour thinks are racist and Islam-hating Tories and Reform leaders who openly seek to ban the boat folk so popular with the left.

Collapsed in ruins

I recall a similar approach was tried in the run-up to the 2010 election after Labour opened the floodgates to uncontrolled mass immigration.

Andrew Neather, a former Labour adviser, blurted out in a 2009 newspaper article that Tony Blair wanted to "rub the Tories' noses in diversity".

Of course, this was merely a cover for Labour's drive for cheap labour, a policy which has left us with nine million on employment-related benefits.

Ungrateful voters cast dithering PM Gordon Brown into oblivion on a tide of anger over immigration, both legal and illegal.

Labour learned nothing from that lesson. Nor did the Tories whose catastrophic "Boriswave" saw net immigration hit 2.5million in the four years post-Brexit.

Starmer's vow to "Stop the Boats" collapsed in ruins, with 80,000 illegal crossings under his premiership.

Can Bumptious Burnham persuade us that welcoming illegals is an act of kindness?

If so, he might also appeal to warm-hearted Brits by emptying overcrowded prisons and giving homes to rapists and murders in their backyard.

Angie Rayner has paved the way with a "fairer" spread of Labour's Marmite policies.

Conservatives hate council tax hikes of 160 per cent but Labour voters love their money.

In America such corruption is known as "pork barrel" politics. Under this lot, it is just being "kind".

And it won't add a penny to the **£352.8BILLION** welfare bill currently paving Benefits Street with gold.

Luckily, there is time for new Chancellor John Healey to deliver an election-winning budget before Andy goes to the polls. The PM will surely stop faffing around and open the North Sea oil and gas reserves vital for a winter without power cuts.

Well, maybe not. The PM "commands" a Commons majority of 147. But as Keir Starmer learned, that majority commands him.

At least 50 are heading for the scrapheap even if Labour wins a working majority. Who will hire an ex-Labour MP when this government is taxing jobs out of existence?

John Healey's task is hard enough – and he has already handed himself a hospital pass by walking out as Defence supremo over spending cuts.

He needs at least £10billion immediately to put things right.

With welfare gobbling 11p of every pound raised in taxes, he has nowhere to go, except our wallets.

Any move to make up the gap with extra borrowing risks severe punishment from the markets which Andy Burnham holds in such contempt.

Britain's eye-bleeding national debt has rocketed to **£3TRILLION** – up by £245billion since Labour took office.

Interest payments are £110billion a year – more than we spend on defending the nation against an increasingly hostile Russia.

Which leaves Burnham and his Chancellor with very tough choices. After more than two years and two PMs, Labour cannot keep blaming the Tories.

Self-inflicted wounds

Andy B is now responsible for his party's own self-inflicted wounds. And things beyond his control are now threatening to make things worse.

America's monstrous **$40TRILLION** national debt has started to alarm the money markets. Big Tech – especially the AI giants – are competing with the US Treasury for cash.

Interest rates are rising and every increase sucks more cash out of heavily indebted countries such as Britain. Experts are predicting a recession within months.

In this bleak landscape, the only growth to be seen is in unemployment, inflation, street crime – and the criminal trade in people-trafficking.

It would take a very brave Prime Minister to regard this as a springboard for an early election.

PRINCE Harry is a lost soul. He misses Britain but Britain doesn't miss him. Or his missus. Especially the missus.

It's hard to see Meghan settling in Broken Britain. Her dream of late-onset movie stardom looks fanciful.

Even in her native America real friends were hard to find. Harry's costly court flop against the Daily Mail will drain their finances.

Coming home might be more of a disaster than leaving in the first place.

DECISION TIME . . Burnham has lots to ponder as he arrives for Saturday's Everton match

WONDER BRA FOR SYDNEY?

By FELICITY CROSS

ACTRESS Sydney Sweeney is enough to make anyone's eyes wander — dressed up as Wonder Woman.

The 28-year-old squeezed into a replica of the costume first made famous on screen by Lynda Carter in the 1970s TV series.

Euphoria star Sydney was with businessman boyfriend Scooter Braun, 45, as Superman for a fun weekend.

Another online pic showed them sharing a jet ski, *above*.

Mythical . . . beast

13 'official' sightings of Nessie this year

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

A THIRTEENTH sighting of the Loch Ness Monster so far this year could be heading for a record.

John and Jamie Wallace snapped a shadow in the water in July. It has been accepted by the official sightings register.

But the pair, visiting the Highlands from Renfrewshire, saw no sign of Nessie above the surface.

There have been 11 in-person sightings and two on webcam so far this year. Last year there were ten – six in-person and four on cam

The highest number of encounters logged on the Official Loch Ness Monster Sightings Register in one year was 17 in 1996.

The most famous picture supposedly showing Nessie was taken in 1934 – but was later debunked as a hoax.

LEVEL UP THE DOWNS

Educational video games can be "highly effective" at reducing teen depression, say researchers in Connecticut, USA.

SLIM HELP

Newest weight loss pill is here

MOUNJARO BOOST

A NEW weight loss pill from the makers of Mounjaro will be available from today.

The UK is the first to launch the once-a-day pill, called orforglipron and sold under the brand name Foundayo, after regulators approved it two weeks ago.

It is currently available only via private prescription but drugs company Eli Lilly said it is in talks with NHS watchdog Nice about rolling it out on the health service.

Those with an obese or overweight BMI and with a health condition can request an assessment from online and high-street pharmacies, meaning some 20million people may be eligible for the new pill.

It will cost around £64 for the first month of the lowest dose (0.8mg), with the highest dose (17.2mg) priced at £169.

Patients can expect to lose roughly 12 per cent of their body weight over 72 weeks, clinical trials show – less than the 20 per cent weight loss seen with Mounjaro.

But the advantage of Foundayo is its convenience – there are no restrictions on the time of day it should be taken, nor does it need to be taken with food or drink.

By VANESSA CHALMERS

Eli Lilly's Northern Europe boss Khalil Asmar said: "We believe this convenience will make it easier for the patient to stay on their treatment.

"And if you stay on your treatment longer, you're more likely to see the results that you're expecting."

Rival pharmaceutical firm Novo Nordisk launched its Wegovy pill in June. It needs to be taken in the morning, half an hour before food.

Dr David Gwynne, medical director of Boots Online Doctor, said the Wegovy pill now accounts for 47 per cent of the prescriptions issued to new patients accessing its service each week.

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Pledge . . . Mr Tice

Reform in vow to find pads for U35s

By MARTINA BET

WORKING Brits aged under 35 will go to the front of the queue for social housing under Reform UK plans.

Forces veterans and married couples with kids would also get priority.

Reform's deputy leader Richard Tice, who will announce the proposals today, said: "Young British men and women, who are working hard, can't afford to move out of their family home."

Mr Tice's party has already pledged to remove foreign nationals, after a short grace period, from an estimated 540,000 social homes.

Reform says around 195,000 of the 1.3million households currently on waiting lists are foreign.

Mr Tice is also expected to pledge to build 50,000 affordable homes every year.

Last night a Government spokesman called the plans "unserious and unworkable".

The Sun SAVE OUR SUPS

'Review' of rates for pubs & hotels

By MARTINA BET

PUBS and hotels could get a fairer deal on their crippling business rates under a Treasury shake-up.

Ministers have ordered an independent review after hospitality firms were hammered by soaring valuations.

The review will report back by the end of March next year, with pubs, brewers and hotel bosses invited to submit evidence.

It comes after the Government announced a further 20 per cent cut in rates bills for pubs, social clubs and live music venues from next April.

But UKHospitality boss Allen Simpson said rates are a "significant burden" and Greene King chief Nick Mackenzie warned "fundamental reform is urgently needed".

Treasury minister James Murray called pubs and hotels vital and said: "We're going further with a rethink of valuations, so that we can build a fairer system for the future."

AS QUEENS OF POP DUET ON LOVE

CRAZY FOR YOU . . . Madonna's Instagram photo after Kylie joined the Material Girl at her Club Confessions show in Amsterdam this month

By NADIA COHEN

RIVALS to Madonna's Queen of Pop crown are easy targets for her acid tongue – with one notable exception.

The US superstar has long championed Kylie Minogue – and the Aussie singer now appears to be returning the compliment by morphing into Madge.

They appeared together in matching skimpy purple outfits, both with their long blonde hair flowing, to promote their new single Love Sensation.

A source said: "Kylie and Madonna have known each other for two decades, but over the past few years they have grown closer.

"There is a lot of mutual admiration for both being strong women in the industry who have stood the test of time.

"They have always toyed with the idea of working together."

Kylie, 58, and Madonna, 68, have provided the soundtrack to our lives for more than four decades with anthems of love, joy and heartbreak.

Between them, the duo have notched up a total of 102 top ten hits, including their joint single Love Sensation, which is a remix of a track from Madonna's latest album Confessions II.

Music industry insiders have hailed the collaboration as a genius move, combining their loyal armies of fans to create a formidable force.

The pair had been dropping hints that they planned to team up before Kylie made a surprise appearance last month during Madonna's Club Confessions concert at WorldPride Amsterdam, to debut their new duet.

The crowd went wild and the song later reached No8 in the UK charts, as well as hitting top spot in the States.

Both stars have managed to maintain hugely successful careers since they debuted in the Eighties.

They shaped modern pop and dance music – Madonna with hits including Hung Up, while Kylie released anthems such as Spinning Around.

And they both constantly reinvented themselves, changing their image to stay ahead of the competition.

But rather than pitching themselves as bitter rivals, Kylie and Madonna openly support each other.

And their latest work on a joint track makes perfect sense, given the many similarities between them.

Huge new audience

Showbiz PR and marketing expert Mark Borkowski says: "It's genius because it brings together two powerhouses and creates a huge new audience.

"Their collective creative ideas have served them well for decades.

"Both Kylie and Madge have always been brilliant at reinventing themselves, and this looks like a cynical commercial decision.

"It's a publicity stunt to get the

'There's lots of mutual admiration. Both are strong women in the industry who have stood the test of time. They've always toyed with the idea of working together'

MADGE HAS OR MARIAH

She's

EXPRESS YOURSELF . . . Madonna described Lady Gaga, *left*, as "amusing" and "reductive" and also dismissed Whitney Houston, *right*, as "boring"

SENSATION...THEIR MUTUAL FAN CLUB

HUNG UP . . . the Like A Virgin star may criticise other female pop icons, but she makes no secret of her love for Kylie

JUSTIFY MY LOVE . . . Kylie sports a Madge T-shirt and joins her for a duet in Los Angeles during Madonna's 2024 Celebration tour

INTO THE GROOVE . . . Kylie arrives at a Madonna show in London's Brixton Academy in 2000, accompanied by fashion designer Stefano Gabbana

BEAUTIFUL STRANGER . . . Madge's ex Guy Ritchie had crush on Kylie

'Kylie was so cute. I think my ex-husband, Guy Ritchie, at the time had a real crush on her. And I was like, "I'll never be as beautiful as Kylie"'

NEVER LIKED GAGA, WHITNEY BUT WHEN IT COMES TO KYLIE...

Mad on her

TAKE A BOW . . . Madonna gives nod to Kylie on her shirt at the MTV Europe Awards, Stockholm, Sweden, in 2000

algorithms up. This is not a fully blown showmance, but it's not far off.

"Two is always better than one, and these two are definitely stronger together.

"The music industry is the business of show — it's all about making money and to do that now you need to get the clicks.

"In a world of AI where you're lucky to get 15 seconds of fame, never mind 15 minutes, you have to keep being original to stay relevant."

Madonna famously does not have much time for other major female stars following in her footsteps.

She branded Lady Gaga "amusing" and "reductive" in 2012 for supposedly copying her music, while in the early Nineties she described Whitney Houston as "horribly mediocre".

And she haughtily dismissed Janet Jackson and Mariah Carey in 1996, claiming: "They can't do what I do."

Her sharp tongue was already apparent in 1989 when she was shown LaToya Jackson's Playboy pictures during an interview.

"This is desperation," she said. "Maybe she will get a job out of it."

Madonna has also taken a swipe at Gen Z stars, including Charli XCX after she declared in a new song that the dancefloor was dead.

The Queen of Pop hit back: "If your dancefloor feels dead, maybe you are playing the wrong music."

Her frosty attitude towards other stars also put her at odds with Cher, who once branded Madonna "mean", adding: "There's something about her I just don't like."

But Kylie is one of the select few stars who Madonna has openly championed, and they have been fans of each other for years.

'Slightly in love'

At the 2000 MTV Europe Music Awards in Stockholm, Her Madgesty strutted onto the stage in a black sleeveless T-shirt with the words "Kylie Minogue" written in gold letters across her chest.

She recalled: "I was in my Western mode, rhinestoning everything, and I was trying to think of singers that I'm slightly in love with.

"And so naturally I thought of Kylie and had a T-shirt made."

Kylie later admitted she was stunned by the gesture of solidarity, saying: "There was no warning. I don't know what I did — probably just stopped shy of fainting. It was amazing."

In 2015, Madonna sang a blast of Can't Get You Out Of My Head on stage in Brisbane.

The same year, she said on Australian TV: "Kylie! I love her. I'm a big fan of hers."

The pair, who critics had often pitted against each other, finally performed together in 2024. Madonna invited Kylie to duet as part of her Celebration tour in Los Angeles — and Kylie rocked up in a black top with Madonna's name on it.

"I was actually a little bit jealous of you," she later told Kylie on her Graham Norton special, which aired in June on BBC One ahead of the release of Confessions II. And when Graham asked why she had hung on to a battered old Kylie album, Madonna confessed that her ex Guy Ritchie fancied her.

Madge explained: "She was so cute. I think my ex-husband at the time had a crush on her.

"And I was like, I'll never be as beautiful as Kylie."

Kylie revealed how much she idolised Madonna, and returned the favour by presenting her with a treasured vinyl copy of Madonna's self-titled 1983 debut album.

She explained: "I was 14 or 15 dancing around my bedroom in Melbourne and she was like a rocket ship.

"My sister and I hammered that album. Love was born, and it was everlasting."

GANGSTER DODGING THE BOOT

Not deported 15mths on

A TERRORIST crime lord who fled to Britain is still here 15 months after losing his "final" appeal against being kicked out.

EXCLUSIVE by NICK PARKER

Gangster Maksim Cela, 60, served a life sentence for masterminding the murder of an anti-mob cop in 2000 and plotting to blow up a football stadium in his native Albania.

But he remains at large after launching yet another costly legal challenge. The bill for taxpayers is already believed to be tens of thousands of pounds.

He was unmasked in March last year after a 23-month Sun campaign to overturn an anonymity order protecting his human rights.

Cela claimed he would be at risk from rival gangsters back in Albania – and even suggested the elderly mother of his police victim might seek revenge. He then changed his story, claiming deporting him would put him at risk of degrading treatment or torture.

Two months later Judge Jeremy Rintoul ruled against him and branded him a liar. Home Office officials gave assurances his removal was imminent. But yesterday they refused to explain the delay, saying: "We are not prepared to give a running commentary."

Crime lord . . . Maksim Cela on trial in Albania

Sources said Cela was possibly living in the Birmingham area.

The Home Office said: "We will do everything in our power to deport this dangerous criminal.

"Nearly 10,000 foreign criminals have been removed since the last election."

CRICKETER IN CUFFS

Run-in . . . footage of the bar incident

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

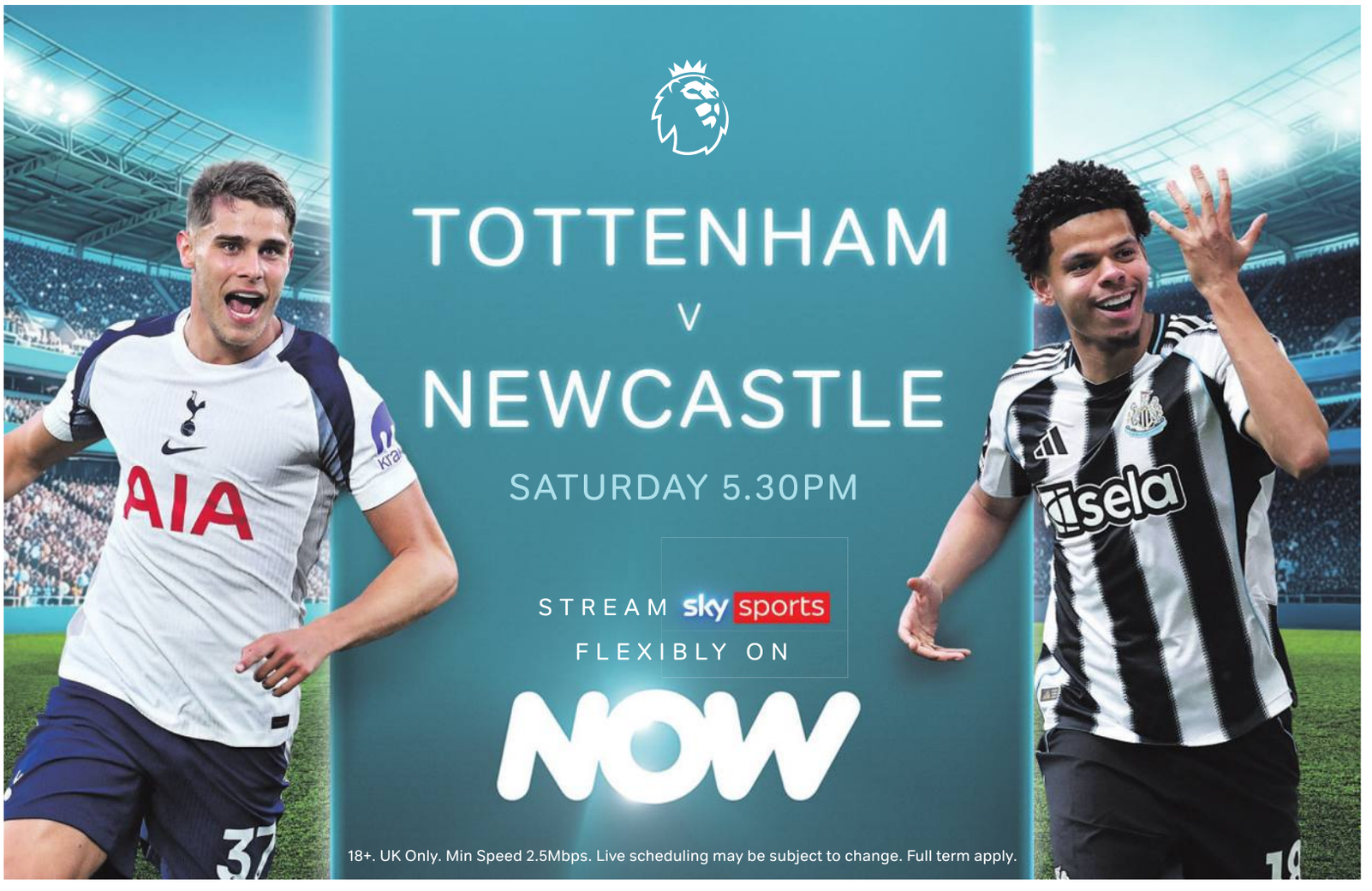
ENGLAND cricketer Brydon Carse is seen in handcuffs outside a club.

The star bowler, 31, was briefly detained by police on Saturday night after an alleged altercation.

Video on social media shows Carse in cuffs, *left*, as his Durham teammates Matthew Potts and Ben Stokes look on, *above*.

Carse, *right*, was not arrested in Derby and was later freed. The England and Wales Cricket Board is investigating the incident.

See SunSport



Appeal . . . Patterson

Poisoner retrial bid over jury hotel 'fail'

By NICK MIAO

THE Australian mushroom murderer may face a retrial because her jury stayed in the same hotel as a key witness.

Erin Patterson, 51, was jailed for life after killing three relatives with beef Wellington laced with death cap mushrooms.

But her team have now launched an appeal over the mix-up, which they say "fatally undermined" the fairness of her trial.

Her defence lawyer Richard Edney said: "The only proper remedy is a retrial."

A table tennis tournament was held in the same week of the April 2025 trial in Morwell, Victoria, and was blamed for a hotel room shortage.

But prosecutor Brendan Kissane told Victoria's Court of Appeal: "There was no interaction between any other person and the jury."

Three appeal judges will announce their decisions at a later date.

Probe . . . the hospital

Medic in 3 women changing films axe

By NICK MIAO

A CANCER hospital radiographer has been struck off for secretly trying to film three women colleagues changing out of scrubs, a tribunal heard.

Matthew Izett turned on his phone's camera and put it in a backpack in the office where they got dressed, it was said.

One woman colleague thought the mobile's position was "abnormal" so checked it and saw the camera on in May 2021.

Next month, another woman spotted his phone turned on behind a computer in the room. He told her later: "It's not what it looks like."

When it happened again in 2024 there was a probe and Izett was sacked from London's The Royal Marsden Hospital.

The Health & Care Professions Tribunal Service said Izett was motivated by "sexual gratification" and his actions had been "grossly inappropriate".

MUM TELLS OF HOUSE TERROR

Gashed . . . toothmarks from fox in head of three-month-old girl

A FOX BIT MY BABY AS SHE SLEPT

'I feel violated' . . . Carly with baby Josephine

Snapped . . a fox caught on CCTV in Carly's garden

By ELEANOR GUNN

A HORRIFIED mum has told how a fox sneaked into her home and bit her three-month-old daughter's head as the pair slept.

Carly Clarkson screamed as she woke and saw blood around Josephine and four puncture wounds in her scalp.

The 37-year-old, who came to as the animal was sniffing her face, snatched up the mite and chased the fox to the top of the stairs.

She then darted to her one-year-old daughter's room to check on her.

Carly, who had left her back door open and dozed off while feeding Josephine, said: "Imagine waking and your child's blood is next to you.

"It was absolutely horrifying. Her head looked like a dog had bitten a football." Josephine was checked out by doctors who confirmed there was no skull fracture or other injury.

Carly, of Watford, said: "I was very lucky that we came away just needing some tetanus shots and antibiotics. I'd hate to find out in a week or two that someone else hadn't been so lucky."

Carly said that as she and her husband were about to leave for hospital, a fox – possibly the same one – attempted to get in at the front door.

She said: "Clearly there's a fox or multiple foxes being fed or acclimatising and getting comfortable with people. I don't feel safe in my home with two young children. I feel violated."

Carly contacted The Fox Project, based in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, for advice. Its founder, Trevor Williams, said such incidents were rare.

He said he believed the fox involved was a cub as adults, and most cubs, instinctively avoid humans.

He said: "There will always be a few who find themselves wandering through open doors into homes as they investigate unfamiliar territory.

"If undisturbed their natural curiosity will oblige them to check out everything. In this case, it looks as if it's tested out its sharp young canines on the tender skin of a baby."

He urged the public to keep doors closed and discourage foxes with non-toxic mammal repellents.

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Tot left with 4 scalp wounds

Picture: SWNS

First Kyiv trip . . . PM

Burnham Ukraine visit vow

By MARTINA BET

ANDY Burnham will today vow Britain will stand with Ukraine "for as long as it takes" as he visits Kyiv on his first foreign trip as PM.

He will mark Ukraine's Independence Day alongside President Zelensky.

Mr Burnham will also chair his first meeting of the UK and France-led Coalition of the Willing.

The PM said: "The friendship between our countries will long outlast Russia's illegal war.

"In both the fight and in rebuilding to come, we will stand with Ukraine."

He will also accept an award recognising the UK's support.

Britain has authorised defence giant MBDA to release info on missile components, so they can be assembled in Ukraine.

GIRLS & BUOYS

Conwy lifeboat station in North Wales has an all-women team of four rescuers for the first time in its 60-year history.

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Making our way through centuries-old streets

Most weeks pass by in a blur, but this one felt different. We woke up to a new view every morning, spent most days wandering colourful harbour towns and ticking off places we'd talked about visiting for years. Back onboard, no two evenings felt the same – one night it was a West End-style musical, the next, live music on the pool deck. Looking back through the photos now, it's hard to believe how much we saw.

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22k haul . . Titchmarsh

TV Alan: Snaps of weeds a real spur

By SAM CREED

ALAN Titchmarsh has 22,000 gardening snaps on his phone – many of weeds, bare earth and "a tired old border".

The telly gardener, 77, said he uses the haul as inspiration to enhance his plots and appreciate future improvements.

He said he is busy taking pictures of "unremarkable" parts of his new 1½ acre garden after moving house.

He spent 23 years tending the old one at his former £3.25million Grade II property in Holybourne, Hants.

He told Gardeners' World magazine: "Photos of a garden's development are a way of encouraging your endeavours."

Titchmarsh, whose photos of greenery stretch back to 2008, added: "Snaps of a sea of weeds, bare earth or a tired old border take on new relevance when viewed side by side with the same scene years later."

Pride . . . McGregor

Ewan joy at son's Scottish accent

By AMIR RAZAVI

ACTOR Ewan McGregor says he feels proud about his son starting to develop a Scottish accent after moving back home.

The Trainspotting star, 55, quit Hollywood for good last year as he felt a pull back to Scotland.

He now lives with wife Mary Elizabeth Winstead and five-year-old son Laurie in a £2million mansion near his hometown of Crieff, Perthshire.

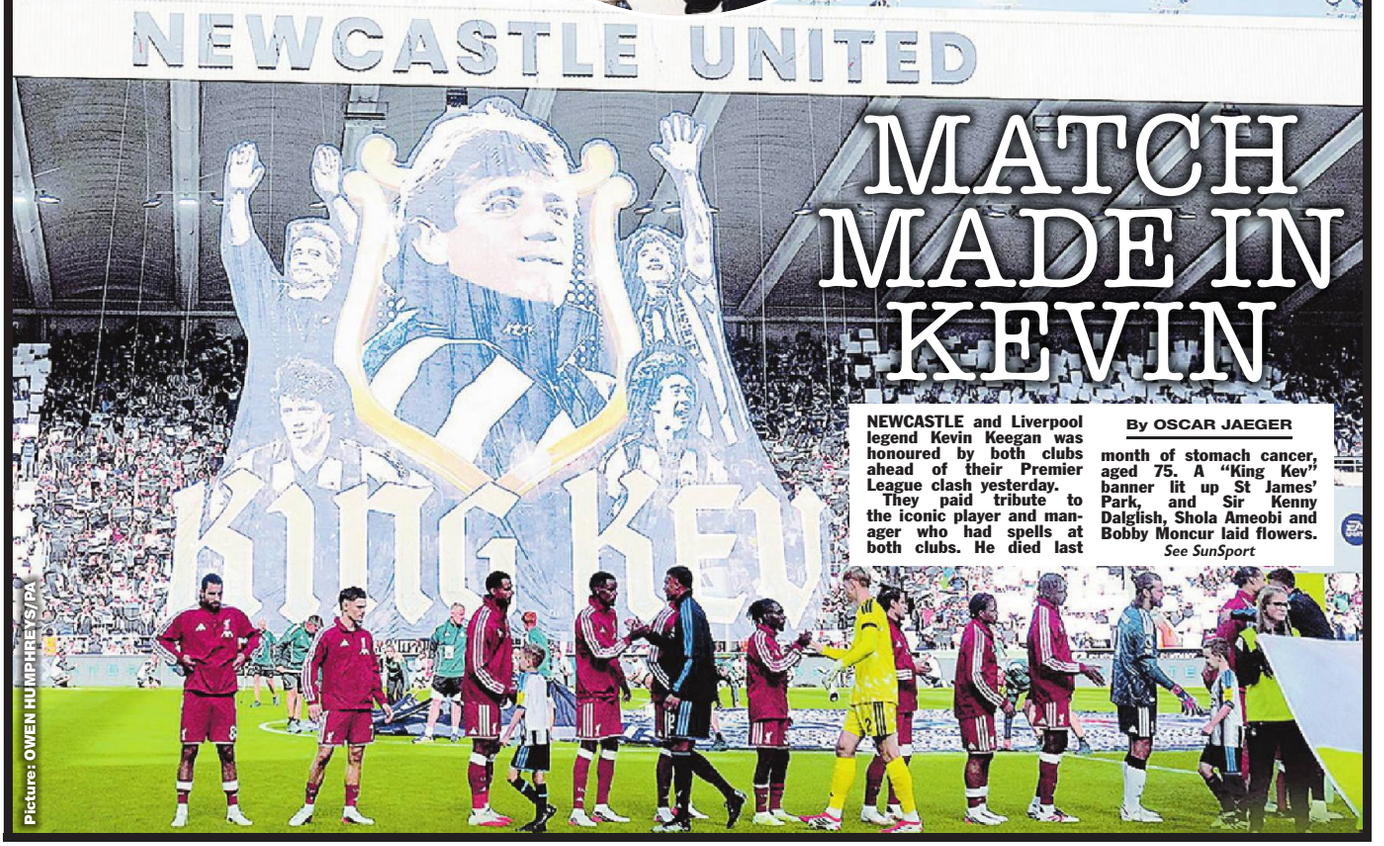
On his boy's upbringing, he said: "The accent is not quite there yet, but with anything that's happening at school, like when he counts, he gets a wee bit Scottish.

"He was counting the other day and I was like 'yes, that's it son'. It feels really, really good."

McGregor, who also has four daughters with ex Eve Mavrakis, also told showbiz trade mag Variety of his joy at being able to go to his brother's for a cuppa after living away for so long.

Love letters . . . fans' mosaic tribute, & shirts, right

Wreaths . . . Moncur, front, Dalglish and Ameobi



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MATCH MADE IN KEVIN

NEWCASTLE and Liverpool legend Kevin Keegan was honoured by both clubs ahead of their Premier League clash yesterday.

They paid tribute to the iconic player and manager who had spells at both clubs. He died last month of stomach cancer, aged 75. A "King Kev" banner lit up St James' Park, and Sir Kenny Dalglish, Shola Ameobi and Bobby Moncur laid flowers.

By OSCAR JAEGER

See SunSport

'CATASTROPHIC WASTE' RAPPED

£500K A DAY TO MOVE MIGRANTS

£185M is amount Home Office spent on transporting and holding illegal migrants from June 2025 to May 2026

MORE THAN £500,000 a day is spent detaining illegal migrants and moving them around the country, The Sun can reveal.

EXCLUSIVE by JULIA ATHERLEY

The Home Office has paid £185,548,017 to transport and house those in immigration detention and Border Force custody in the UK and overseas in the space of a year.

The figure includes moving people between prisons, police stations, hospitals and short-term holding facilities, and the upkeep of Immigration Removal Centres.

It also includes escorting migrants to, and on to, deportation flights when they leave the country. The lion's share of the cash goes to contractor Mitie, which has managed the process for the Home Office since 2018.

The bulk of this money – £137,081,112 – is spent on escorts who move migrants around the UK. That works out at £375,564 each day.

The rest – £48,466,905 – is spent on overseas escorts for migrants where they are taken back to their country of origin either on scheduled or chartered flights. The figures, released by the Home Office, cover June 2025 to May 2026.

John O'Connell, of the Tax-Payers' Alliance, said: "The Home Office needs to pull the handbrake on this eye-watering waste immediately."

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp called it "a catastrophic waste of taxpayers' hard-earned money".

The Home Office said that the sums "incorporate broader expenditure for a significant amount of other services including immigration detention facilities and wider operational matters".

● **FORMER** Labour Home Secretary Alan Johnson has urged the current post-holder Shabana Mahmood not to listen too much to her own MPs as she battles to get a grip on illegal migration.

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CURE IS REEL

THE CURE are planning a film for their 50th anniversary, after frontman ROBERT SMITH found boxes of never-before-seen footage.

Director TIM POPE, who worked on videos for their hit songs in the 80s and 90s, such as Friday I'm In Love, Let's Go To Bed, Close To Me and Just Like Heaven, has been tasked with going through the reels of footage.

He's hopeful he'll be able to create a new project out of it for the band's diehard fans.

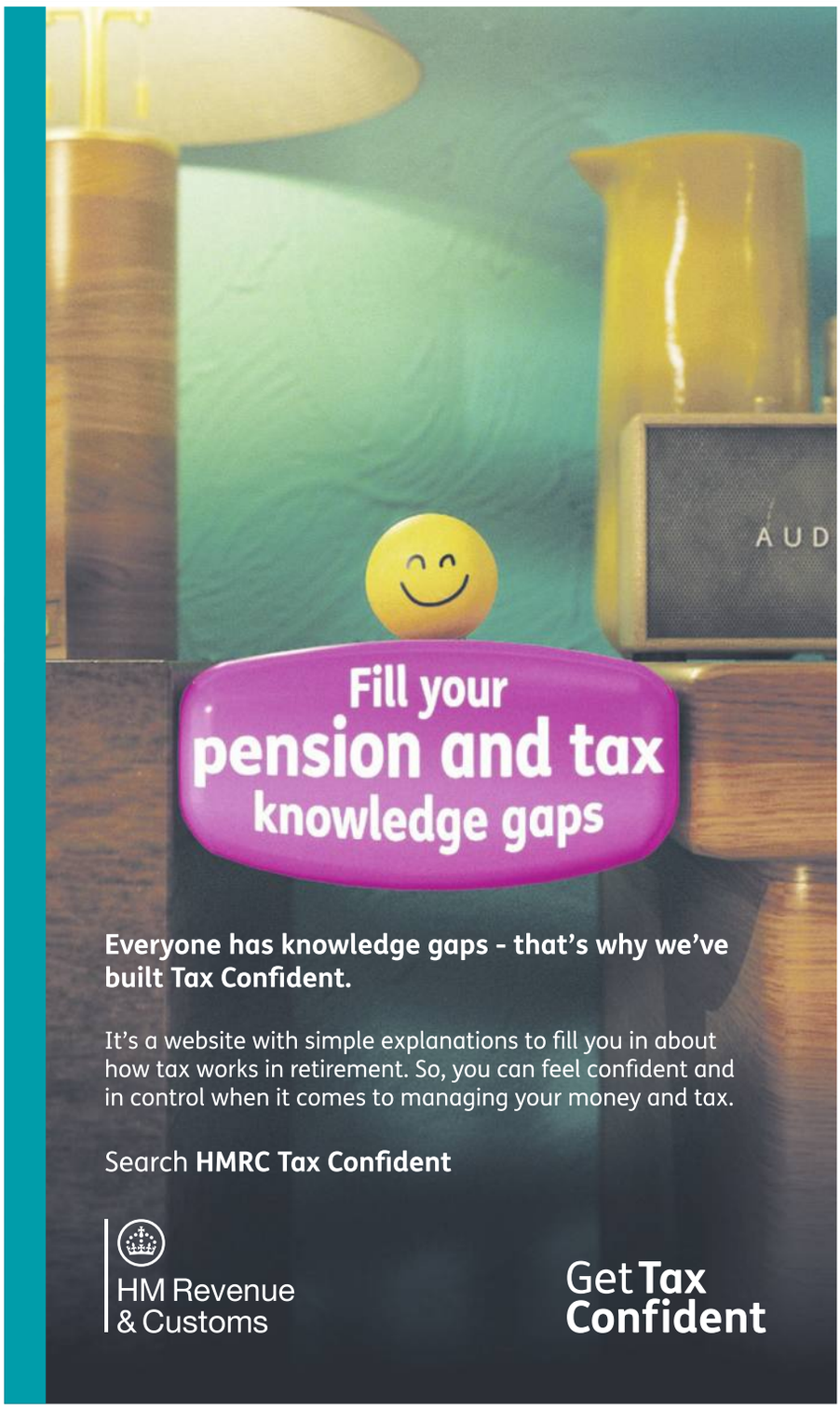
Tim explained: "I met Robert when he was 22 or something. That was in 1982 and I'm still working with him now. I'm about to do a huge project with him.

"It's a celebration of their 50th year and Robert has told me that he has – and I haven't seen any of this stuff, so you'll have to ask him – but he's told me he's got boxes of stuff."

This year marks 50 years since they first formed under the name Malice, while 2029 will mark the anniversary of their debut album, Three Imaginary Boys.

Tim told Times Radio: "So, with all these boxes of film, we're going to have all this stuff, I can't promise because I haven't seen it yet.

"But all the recording sessions with them and stuff that no one's ever seen, I think that will be really incredible."



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LOTTS GOING ON SEES PIXIE MISS OUT

PIXIE LOTT turned down a new TV series because she'd committed to playing screen legend MARILYN MONROE in the play Who Killed Marilyn?.

The singer has had rave reviews for her turn as the Hollywood star at London's Emerald Theatre, but ran out of time for the other offer.

Pixie, *below*, who has also been juggling concerts and raising her two young sons, told me of her acting desires: "I'd love to do more, for sure.

"I was going to do a TV series during this time as well, but it was too hard to juggle festivals, the play and the TV filming.

"So I had to say no to that one, unfortunately, but hopefully something fun will arise that feels right."

Asked about her dream role, Pixie, who played Holly Golightly in a West End production of Breakfast At Tiffany's in 2016, said: "I love playing the characters like Marilyn and Holly, because they have so many layers. They're not just what meets the eye.

"So something that just has a bit of meat to it where you can really dive into the character."

JAZZ BEAT LOOMS FOR TRAV

TRAVIS BARKER reckons he will get into jazz when BLINK 182 eventually split up.

He said: "It's coming, later. I would love to but I feel like it's when Blink is done, and all that stuff is done."

Asked when Blink will be "done," he added: "It's hard to say. Our band is really healthy right now and I'm stoked for that. But I've also learned with our band that you just never know.

"I want to keep writing and producing music. I also would love to work on another solo album that's genre-less."

On the And The Writer Is… podcast, Travis, *inset*, also gave his thoughts on AI.

He said: "I hate it. I'm not a fan. I think my new rules in the studio is no auto-tune, little to no editing, and no drum samples, because there's already going to be enough of that."

Krav's Zo at home

ZOE KRAVITZ is settling back into the rhythm of New York City after joining fiance HARRY STYLES in the Big Apple.

I'm told the American actress will be in the stands at Madison Square Garden every night as Harry performs a 30-date residency at the venue.

The run's already broken records, with Ticketmaster revealing there were over 11.5million presale registrations for these shows, the "highest volume ever recorded for an artist presale" in New York.

Harry kicks off his run of sold-out gigs at MSG on Wednesday night.

Then he and Zoe will fly to Australia to finish his huge Together, Together tour 12 days before Christmas.

A massive holiday will be the perfect present for Harry, I bet.

And then it will be time to start planning their wedding . . .

HUGEL's Movin' To The Sun has spent weeks climbing the charts and is now poised to challenge SAM FENDER and OLIVIA DEAN's Rein Me In for the top spot.

Early data from Official Charts shows that the French DJ's summer tune has climbed up to No2 and is a contender to end the pair's 22-week run at No1.

CATE HAS PEDALLING PERSONA

CATE BLANCHETT is staying down to earth during her run in Electra/Persona by commuting on a bike.

The Aussie actress, *inset*, is starring in the play at the National Theatre on London's South Bank and has been spotted going to and from the venue on a fold-up bicycle.

She is worth £70million, so I wouldn't blame her for splashing the cash on a cab for the trips.

But the sight of her pedalling off down the street has certainly amused her fans at the stage door.

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TOMORROW: **SUSANNA REID, VICKY McCLURE, GARY LINEKER** and **GARY OLDMAN** are some of the big names at the Edinburgh International Television Festival this week.
WEDNESDAY: **NICOLE KIDMAN, SANDRA BULLOCK** and **MAISIE WILLIAMS** bring some glitz to London's Odeon Luxe Leicester Square for the European premiere of Practical Magic 2.
THURSDAY: Festivals weekend kicks off as Reading and Leeds open their gates, with plenty more music on offer at Portsmouth's Victorious Festival, The Long Road in Leicestershire and CarFest at Silverstone.
FRIDAY: Ordinary singer **ALEX WARREN** is back with his second album Wildchild – along with new records from **TINY HABITS, CARLY PIERCE** and **INTERPOL**.

THE WEEK IN **bizness**

FEST IS SPROG ROCK

Liam, Chris, Dave and Becks' kids all on Reading/Leeds bill

LIAM GALLAGHER and CHRIS MARTIN have rarely seen eye-to-eye.

Now that rivalry can cross to the next generation – as their sons have to share a stage at Reading and Leeds this weekend.

Chris's son **MOSES** is in **PEOPLE I'VE MET**, who will play at 3.10pm at The Canopy at Reading on Friday.

Two hours later, Liam's youngest son **GENE** will take his band **VILLANELLE** onto the same stage.

Just one act separates them, and both bands will have to repeat their sets in Leeds the following day.

If Gene has any of his dad's feistiness, some comments are sure to be made.

The **OASIS** rocker previously said the **COLDPLAY** frontman "looks like a Geography teacher," compared him to a vicar, and said the band's fans were "bedwetters."

They eventually made up when they performed together at **ARIANA GRANDE**'s One Love Manchester benefit concert in 2017, but there is still plenty of competition between the two mega bands.

DAD ISSUES . . . Liam and Chris

After Oasis announced a massive seven-show run at Wembley Stadium last year, Coldplay swooped in and said they would do ten.

Gene and Moses won't be the only nepo babies who will be rocking out the sister festivals this weekend.

FOO FIGHTERS frontman **DAVE GROHL**'s daughter **VIOLET** plays Leeds on Friday and Reading on Sunday. Meanwhile, fresh from the release of his debut EP Wear & Tear on Friday, the **BECKHAMS**' youngest son **CRUZ** plays Reading on Saturday and Leeds on Sunday.

Their bookings have ruffled a few feathers, as the The Canopy stage has this year replaced the BBC Introducing stage, which was created to champion rising stars and new talent.

Even though they've worked hard, the optics of having a load of established acts' offspring performing there aren't great.

That said, I'd prefer it if they worked their way up from these smaller stages, like everyone else has to.

But I'm looking forward to seeing which of them can draw the biggest crowd.

●THERE were family connections at All Points East Festival in London on Saturday, too. **THE BEATLES** biopic stars **PAUL MESCAL** and **HARRIS DICKINSON** watched Paul's sister **NELL** and Harris's girlfriend **ROSE GRAY** play their sets.

Zara's sunny side up

IT can't be a coincidence that we've had one of the hottest summers ever, at the same time sunshine-personified, ZARA LARSSON, has been having her moment.

The Swedish songstress was beaming at All Points East Festival in London's Victoria Park on Saturday, where she was joined on stage by PINKPANTHERESS to sing their collaboration Stateside for the very first time.

And it wasn't just the audience – which included Love Island winners LORENZO ALESSI and JULIA MAJCHRZAK – having fun, as Zara admitted: "I feel like this might be the best show of the whole summer."

It was a special night for headliner LORDE too, who was accompanied by her producer boyfriend JIM E-STACK.

She said: "The last time I was at Victoria Park was two years ago.

"It was the beginning of summer and I came here with someone I had a really big crush on.

"He's here tonight. So bring your crush to Victoria Park. There's some magic here."

LIFT OFF . . . dancers give Zara a helping hand. *Left*, duet with Pinkpantheress on Saturday

LIAM'S FOUR-LETTER GLASTO BLAST

LIAM has never been a man to mince his words.

And he didn't hold back when it was claimed on X that OASIS were the bookies favourites to headline Glastonbury next year.

Liam clapped back: "It's not happening. So all you croc wearing, flag waving, st c**ts can calm the f**k down."**

Us lot, and Oasis's millions of loyal fans are now waiting for next year's run of shows to be announced.

And Liam couldn't help but drop a hint about getting back on stage with his brother NOEL, telling one of his fans: "If we do any more gigs we're gonna lick it up to ras."

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Sitcom . . . star Lee

Lee told 'remove nipples' by BBC

EXCLUSIVE by FELICITY CROSS

COMIC Lee Mack has revealed nervy BBC bosses forced him to edit a strip club scene on his hit sitcom Not Going Out.

Execs asked Mack, who writes and stars in the long-running show, to cover up dancers' nipples. over fears of complaints.

Lee said of the 2007 directive: "For reasons I've never quite understood, suddenly we were told, 'The BBC has decided we've got to be very careful what is said on the BBC'.

"So they said, 'On that episode you've got to get rid of all the nipples at the lap dancing club'."

Lee, who hosts The 1% Club on ITV, also said the BBC wants more sitcoms but young comics are not making any.

He said of his sitcom: "The snobs aren't watching, the industry is not watching. They don't see it as highbrow enough."

Rescue . . . for Teddy

Dog lost 19 days is found on mountain

By ED SOUTHGATE

A PET dog missing for 19 days on England's third highest mountain has been rescued.

Terrier Teddy vanished while out with his owner on Helvellyn in the Lake District on August 2.

He was found stuck in a deep ravine by volunteer searchers after they heard barking.

They alerted Keswick Mountain Rescue and a seven-strong team spent 3½ hours rescuing Teddy, who emerged from his ordeal without injury.

He had lost a considerable amount of weight so they gave him some food before putting him in a rucksack and carrying him down to his owner who took him to the vet.

A rescue team spokesman said: "We're absolutely delighted. It's a remarkable outcome after nearly three weeks on Helvellyn. A huge well done to everyone who never gave up on Teddy."

SAM'S 6FT 5IN AT AGE 12

Stepping up . . . sister Freya gets the measure of brother Samuel

TALLEST BOY IN BRITAIN

Lad bids for world record

EXCLUSIVE by SEBASTIAN HAW

A LAD of 12 has raised the bar by becoming Britain's tallest pre-teen — at 6ft 5in.

Samuel Webb has a big chance of being the current world record holder and is already loftier than 99.9 per cent of adults.

On the downside, referees don't believe he is 12 when he plays football with other children his age.

He often jokes his 6ft 2in dad James is short.

James told The Sun: "Samuel enjoys being tall. He plays tennis and football.

"He plays goalkeeper for his local club but sometimes the ref goes, 'no chance you're 12', and he's had to prove his age.

"Tennis is his main sport.

"It's definitely an advantage having long arms.

"He wasn't that big when he was born.

"He was long and thin but not huge."

Samuel, whose mum is 5ft 11in, may start testosterone therapy to put a limit on what height he will reach.

His dad said: "Being tall is good, but being too tall isn't great when you can't fit in a plane seat.

"Samuel has grown five inches in a year – we don't want him to be 7ft 5in.

"If he's predicted to grow too much, he'll get testosterone and his growth plates will fuse so he stops growing."

Samuel, of Skelmanthorpe, West Yorks, is due to see a specialist who will X-ray the lad's hands to predict when he will cease growing.

The family say his sister Freya, eight, and brother Joseph, 11, are tall – but nowhere near what Samuel is.

A typical 12-year-old in the UK is roughly 4ft 11in.

The previous record for Britain's tallest pre-teen was held by Sophie Hollins, from Southampton, who measured 6ft 2in aged 12 in 2018.

At the time, bosses at Guinness World Records believed she was the tallest pre-teen on the planet.

After being contacted by The Sun, Guinness said it will look into whether Samuel is the globe's loftiest 12-year-old.

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Big brother . . . Samuel with Freya and Joseph

Picture: MARK TATTERSALL

GRAEME HALL ON SURPRISE JIVING PAST

By FELICITY CROSS
Deputy TV Editor

STRICTLY Come Dancing contestant Graeme Hall has revealed his surprise dance background – and the health crisis that forced him off the floor.

The canine trainer, best known for Channel 5's Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly, has spoken for the first time about joining the BBC show as rehearsals begin.

His signing baffled fans, who immediately dismissed the 59-year-old as this year's joke act, like politician Ed Balls and comedian Les Dennis in recent years.

Graeme – nicknamed The Dogfather – said: "I'd done a local competition called Strictly Northampton in 2012 and loved it so much that I carried it on as a hobby.

"I started taking part in regional events in church halls and community centres but I had to give up because I had a stroke in 2019."

Doctors found a hole in Graeme's heart and rushed to operate.

He added: "I was out of action for quite a while and I thought it had brought an end to my dancing.

"I'm fine now but I had to put my dance bag away – now I've got it out of the loft and there's all my kit and practice trousers so I will be using those soon.

"But if you'd told me in 2019 that I was going to be taking part in the show I would have dismissed you as a fantasist."

Despite his prowess, Graeme realises that he might be lumbered with the odd comedy routine.

He added: "'I suspect I will do something dog-related at some point – they might put me in a dog costume for one of the dances.

"I had a meeting in February, had a little dance about, and then heard nothing.

"They've been drip-feeding the names of the celebrity contestants for a while and it got to the point where there were only a couple more to announce and I thought my chance had gone.

"Then I got a call one evening from my agent saying: 'I've got the most amazing news for you – you've got Strictly.' It hasn't really sunk in."

'I still get little bites'

The celebrities will learn who will be their dance partner during the live launch show on September 26, and last week they met the professionals for the first time, taking part in chemistry sessions to see who suits them best.

Graeme vowed: "I'm hoping I stay in the show as long as possible.

"I don't care which pro dancer I get because the bottom line is they are all brilliant.

"There are not a lot of people in the world that have had the chance to do this. So I'm just going to love every minute and enjoy it for what it is.

"The celebrities are all really nice people. It's going to be great but it's not going to be easy because actually, as far as I can tell, they are quite good at dancing."

Graeme is no stranger to the wider Strictly family, though.

Last year he judged a dance contest in Brackley, Northants, with ex-pro Flavia Cacace, and he is pals with head judge Shirley Ballas after bumping into her her at BBC Television Centre in 2023.

Graeme is part of a line-up which includes former Love Islanders Dani Dyer and Cach Mercer, Aussie pop star Delta Goodrem and footballer Shaun Wright-Phillips.

But it's fair to say the Yorkshireman, who now lives with his partner Nikki in Bicester, Oxon, isn't your average Strictly celeb.

Born in Selby, Graeme spent 20 years working in management for Weetabix before turning his hobby of dog training into a full-time profession in 2008. It wasn't until 2017 that he became a TV personality when he featured in a one-off special called Dogs Behaving Badly on Channel 4.

This led to C5's full series, which has aired since 2019.

In the show, Graeme helps dog owners manage their misbehaving pets and strengthen their bond.

He has fronted C5's The Dog Hospital With Graeme Hall – which also screens on CBC in Canada – and appears in an Australian version of Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly.

The dog whisperer is also a regular on ITV's This Morning.

On top of all that Graeme writes a regular column for The Times and has penned four bestselling books on dog training.

His career hasn't been without drama, though, and one naughty pooch almost cost him the use of his hand.

He said: "A German Shepherd I went to see had been rehomed and was barking very aggressively.

"They brought him in to see me and he just went for my left hand. He bit hard and at the same time the owner pulled on the lead. The effect was to rip my hand.

"It was off to A&E. I ended up in the operating theatre.

"The bites just missed a tendon and nerve and I nearly lost the full use of that hand. It was a close call.

"That really made me think differently and I will now put a muzzle on the dog, but I still get little bites here and there."

He'll be well ready to face Craig Revel Horwood's bark, then.

BARK LIFE . . . training a puppy in 2021 on Channel 5's Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly

JUDGING . . . dance competition in Northants with former show pro Flavia Cacace

WALTZING OFF . . . Graeme twirling Strictly's head judge Shirley Ballas after meeting her at BBC TV Centre in 2023

RIVAL . . . Dani Dyer will also be on the dance show

Recovery . . . Claire

Cancer ma had 9 organs removed

By SAM BLANCHARD

A WOMAN whose suspected endometriosis turned out to be a rare cancer had nine organs removed in what surgeons call the "mother of all surgeries".

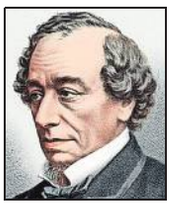
Claire Gerring, 42, was diagnosed with stage four pseudomyxoma peritonei – a rare cancer originating in the appendix – after a biopsy last year.

In July she had a ten-hour op to remove her appendix, ovaries, fallopian tubes, gall bladder, spleen, uterus, cervix, liver and bits of bowel.

Mother-of-two Claire, of Wantage, Oxon, said: "It's quite scary but I'm lucky I had professionals who knew what they were doing. It's called the mother of all surgeries because of the severity."

Hairdresser Claire is disease free but will be monitored for 20 years.

She has raised £16,002 for the Pseudomyxoma Survivor charity.



Victorian . . . Disraeli

Parli's 65 political works of art gone

By EMILY-JANE HEAP

DOZENS of works of art are missing from the Houses of Parliament.

They include a photo of Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli and an engraving of MP William Wilberforce, who helped abolish slavery.

More than 65 artworks have been misplaced since the start of 2024, according to a Freedom of Information request.

Also missing is a photo of Britain's first female foreign secretary, Baroness Margaret Beckett.

Five have been found this year – including a work by the 19th-century satirical cartoonist Isaac Cruikshank.

The number missing is down on the 220 reported in 2018 after an audit had been carried out.

A spokesman said the artworks may have been lost while moving them around during works on the estate, and none had been written off.

LOTS TO BEEF ABOUT PRICE OF OUR DINNER

THE cost of a Sunday roast has soared by 50 per cent in five years, official figures show.

Eating out is also far more expensive than in 2021 – with the price of fish and chips, kebabs and pub meals all up.

The Office for National Statistics figures show a 1kg joint of beef

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

costs £15.96 now compared to £10.19 five years ago.

Potatoes and carrots also cost 50 per cent more than in 2021, while broccoli and cauliflower both rose by more than 40 per cent.

It means a beef dinner with all the trimmings for the whole family now costs an average of £22.89 – up from £14.99 in 2021.

Sunday roast costs have also risen for pubs, which can now charge as much as £30 a head for buffet service.

Elsewhere, a portion of fish and chips now costs almost £46 for a family of four – up 65 per cent from £27.80 five years ago.

The same figures also show the cost of a kebab has risen by 47 per cent to £8.63. And a pub meal is up 42 per cent to £13.71.

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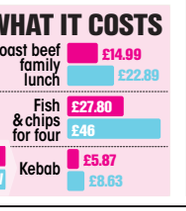


Dent: My fairy wish

COUNTDOWN star Susie Dent says her ambition is to appear in pantomime.

The Dictionary Corner expert reckons she could be a "nerdy fairy".

Susie, 61, told Women's Weekly: "I haven't had any offers. I think I'm not an obvious choice.

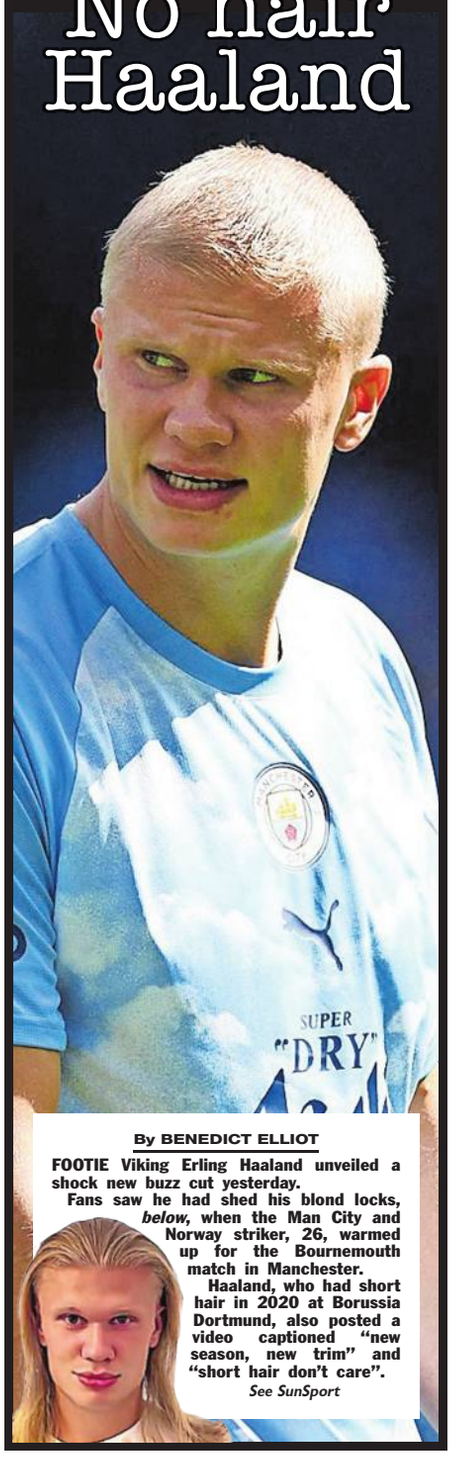
"But there's got to be a character for me – I could be a nerdy fairy!"

She also said she lives by the new word "strik-hedonia" – the joy of saying "to hell with it".

HOLE IN WON

The Open Championship Claret Jug won by golfer Sam Snead at St Andrews in 1946 sold for £268,000 at a US auction.

No hair Haaland



By BENEDICT ELLIOT

FOOTIE Viking Erling Haaland unveiled a shock new buzz cut yesterday.

Fans saw he had shed his blond locks, *below*, when the Man City and Norway striker, 26, warmed up for the Bournemouth match in Manchester.

Haaland, who had short hair in 2020 at Borussia Dortmund, also posted a video captioned "new season, new trim" and "short hair don't care".

See SunSport

Pearly King . . . George

Del Boy 'muse' is dead, 88

By ELEANOR GUNN

ONE of the last remaining Pearly Kings, who inspired Only Fools and Horses character Del Boy, has died aged 88.

George Major, crowned Pearly King of Peckham at 20, dedicated his life to keeping the Cockney tradition alive.

Only around a dozen Pearly Kings remain.

George grew up working on Peckham market in South-East London. He drove a three-wheeled car, worked with an old trader known as Grandad Fred and a "lanky bloke" they called "the plonker".

Only Fools writer John Sullivan, who spent time shadowing George, later included a Grandad and Del's "plonker" brother Rodney in the show.

George's family said: "George leaves behind a community richer for his kindness and a legacy that will never be forgotten. Once a Pearly, always a Pearly."

£2.5m for 'God' ball

THE football Diego Maradona used to score his Hand of God goal against England in the 1986 World Cup has sold for almost £2.5million.

The Adidas Azteca ball was kept by Tunisian referee Ali Ben Nasser immediately after the quarter-final match, which Argentina won 2-1.

He kept it in a cupboard until selling it at an auction in Dallas. It was bought by a private collector for £2,444,835.

Mr Ben Nasser, now 82, has previously said he did not see Maradona use his hand to score.

MARK OF GENIUS

A copy of Prof Stephen Hawking's memoir My Brief History signed with his inked thumb has sold for £1,900 in Lincoln.

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CHEAP TREAT

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CAR A BIT OF A RUBBISH DUMP AFTER THE HOLS?

Get stuck interior!

CLEANING your car shouldn't cost a fortune.

If summer road trips have left your motor full of crumbs and crisp wrappers, there are lots of cheap ways to make it look as good as new. Try these tips to get it fit for the next school run.

CLEAR OUT: Start from scratch. Remove all rubbish, toys and stray items from the footwells and seats. Shake out floor mats and give the boot a proper empty.

A clutter-free space will make every other step easier – and you might even find that missing sock or earphone you thought was lost for ever.

SUCK IT UP: Use your household vacuum with a brush attachment on the seats and get into crevices that collect food and dust debris.

For stubborn gunk in air vents and cup holders, pick up CarPlan Demon Slime for £6 at amazon.co.uk. Roll it into corners and hard-to-reach spaces to lift crumbs and dirt.

SOLE SAVER: For rubber car mats, use hot soapy water to get rid of dirt. Or, for really grubby mats, use a power washer to cut through grime.

Leave to dry fully before putting them back in the car. If you have carpet car mats, give them all a good brush to loosen up any embedded dirt, then vacuum away any leftover debris.

WIPE DOWN: Swap expensive valet cloths for cheap microfibre ones from Savers, where a pack of four costs £2. Use a dry one for dusting and a damp one for wiping down seats and interiors.

Then wash them and they will be ready to reuse for your next clean, so you're not shelling out every time.

SCENT-SATIONAL FINISH: Give your car a scent boost by making your own air freshener.

Cut a small square of paper or card, spritz with a few sprays of your favourite perfume or aftershave, and pop it in your door pocket.

Another easy way to make your car smell great, is with a wooden clothes peg.

Just add a few drops of essential oil to the peg and leave it to dry. Then clip it to your car air vent and it should help your car smell great for weeks.

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The bad back of the net...

ONE in four football fans injured themselves while celebrating a goal last season, a study found.

Falling over a seat and landing badly at a game or tripping over a rug and bashing the telly while watching at home were most common.

Five per cent said they have broken a bone celebrating a goal.

The study of 1,500 fans of the 20 Premier League teams found Spurs supporters were the most likely to hurt themselves.

Ladbrokes, which did the study, said: "It's hard to top the feeling of a last-minute winner, even if it does leave you with the odd bruise or bump."

KICKS ON SCOOT 66

PE teacher Bob Brown, 57, of Saltash, Cornwall, travelled the 2,800-mile width of Australia on a kick scooter in 31 days.

TRANS POLICE MADNESS

AC/PC BOBBIES

'Gender-fluid' cops get ID cards as man & woman

Cop ID . . . warrant card

COPS who say they are "gender-fluid" have been handed male and female warrant cards to suit their mood.

Forces including those in Suffolk, Norfolk and Leicestershire confirmed they issued more than one card to officers identifying as both male and female.

But MPs and campaigners said it risked undermining public trust in the police — and other forces warned that it was a security risk.

By OSCAR JAEGER

Warrant cards are the official identity documents that officers must show before using powers such as stop and search.

Thorough searches must be carried out by an officer of the same sex.

Critics say allowing officers to carry warrant cards that reflect their gender identity could cause confusion about a person's rights.

The term gender-fluid is used when a person says that their identity changes, sometimes identifying as a man and other times as a woman.

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp said: "Police forces should not be allowing officers to jump from one gender to the next whenever they feel like it. When it comes to things like conducting strip searches of suspects, the gender of the officer is relevant, as some suspects only want to be strip-searched by someone of the same biological sex.

"The police should concentrate on the basics of policing, which is protecting the public and catching more criminals."

South Yorkshire Police said that it would not give out two cards for "security reasons".

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Footpath fears can hit sleep

LIVING near a footpath can increase the risk of insomnia, scientists say.

A study found streetscapes may subconsciously affect sleep quality.

People living on roads with lots of footpaths tend to sleep less because they don't feel as safe.

Meanwhile, people sleep longer in areas "closed off" by tall buildings or with lots of trees.

Japanese scientists used AI to analyse 200,000 Google Street View pics.

They linked neighbourhood characteristics to the self-reported sleep of 1,089 adults in lower floor apartments in Tokyo.

Prof Daisuke Matsushita said: "We hope this creates possibilities for healthier neighbourhoods."

SQUEALY LUCKY

Firefighters rescued a mule called Squealy after she got stuck neck-deep in mud last week in Great Hallingbury, Essex.

SCOOP SWOOP

By ALEX WEST

A SHAMELESS seagull swoops in to scoop an ice cream from the hand of an unsuspecting woman.

She was enjoying the treat while walking her dog when the greedy gull grabbed it.

To add insult to injury the belligerent bird dropped half of it in front of her as the cone snapped.

Last week's airborne ambush was on the prom in Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Seagulls in the South Coast resort are notoriously aggressive with a reputation for stealing food.

The local council has previously used gull-proof bins, drones and bird handlers with hawks and eagles to scare then off.

Feeding them can result in a £100 fine.

Picture: GRAHAM HUNT/BNPS

TV OFFICE'S LUCY IN 'BE NICE' PLEA

THE Office star Lucy Davis said the world needs more niceness as she made her first public appearance since revealing she has incurable cancer.

The actress, 53, made the remark as she thanked fans for their support.

Lucy, who played Dawn Tinsley in the hit BBC comedy which ran from 2001 to 2003, said at a

By NICK MIAO

science fiction convention: "It's like this whole second family you never knew you had. We need a bit more niceness in the world, and we get it here. So I'm grateful for you guys."

Lucy, who was reunited with Shaun of the Dead co-star Simon Pegg, 56, at the event in London at the weekend, urged aspiring actors: "Don't let anyone tell you you can't do or be anything you want to do or be."

Lucy . . . at convention

Lucy, the daughter of comedian Jasper Carrott, 81, revealed this month she was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer a year and a half ago.

She said the disease has spread to her spine, hip and ribs and that she has been told it is too late for chemotherapy.

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TEEN'S AWARD II

By CLARE O'REILLY

IN life, little Saffie-Rose Roussos loved to sing, dance and entertain.

Tragically, the talented eight-year-old never had the chance to fulfil her potential — she was the youngest victim of the horrifying terror attack on the Manchester Arena during an Ariana Grande concert nine years ago.

But today, thanks to her incredible legacy, another remarkable young person has been given the chance to pursue their passion for performing arts.

Nasrideen Karadjallah, from Hackney, East London, was stunned to be awarded a prestigious drama scholarship set up in Saffie's memory.

The Sun surprised the gifted 13-year-old at his school Excelsior Academy, where he thought he was turning up for football training.

Nasrideen, known to his friends as Nas, was speechless when presented with his scholarship — but the huge grin on his face said it all.

He said: "I'm shocked. I didn't think I'd get it. I can't believe it.

"I am really excited. I feel really proud of myself. I feel positive.

"This is a lovely achievement and it is the best thing I have ever had."

The budding actor will now receive a year's worth of weekend drama coaching, as well as a £5,000 holiday voucher for a trip with his family.

'So many strong entries'

Three years ago, Saffie's parents Andrew and Lisa Roussos teamed up with The Sun to establish the Saffie's Smile award — aimed at celebrating an extraordinary young person.

This year, for the first time, the deserving youngster is awarded a year's scholarship to the prestigious Pauline Quirke Academy in memory of Saffie's love of performing.

The acting academy — which has 270 centres across the country — is one of the leading drama schools for emerging talent in the UK.

We were inundated with deserving entries, but Lisa and Andrew carefully selected Nas before congratulating him.

Andrew said: "He's a very deserving winner.

"Saffie loved everything about performing arts, and knowing Nas will benefit from access to the scholarship just adds to our daughter's legacy."

Andrew told him: "It was difficult to judge the scholarship because there were so many strong entries.

"What stuck out for us was your video nomination. You're very passionate and we think you're perfect. Don't forget us when you're rich and famous now, will you?

"Honestly, Nas, you're so deserving. We wish you everything in life."

Nas's drama teacher Sue Bailey decided to nominate him after spotting his ability on stage and in lessons.

His mum Elizabeth had no idea what the nomination could lead to.

She said: "I got a call from his teacher saying, 'He's really good at acting and he's just generally a lovely boy, and I want to put him forward for a scholarship.'

"I didn't really know what avenue it was going to take, so I didn't think too much of it at the time.

"I can't believe it either. It's such an amazing thing to happen and I'm so grateful to Saffie's parents for seeing in Nas what I do."

Having pored through entries from all corners of the UK, Nas's talent, circumstance and discipline stood out for Andrew and Lisa.

In his video entry, he said it could be "good or bad" growing up in Hackney with gang members sometimes "waiting to see your downfall."

Winning means he will now be able to attend his local Pauline Quirke Academy every Saturday for three hours of specialist performing arts training.

The sessions will give him the chance to develop skills across acting, directing and stagecraft, as well as opening the door to future auditions and performance opportunities.

The academy was started by Birds Of A Feather actress Pauline in 2007. It is a huge passion of the much-loved actress, who was diagnosed with dementia in 2021.

Her son Charlie, who now heads the school, is delighted to partner with the Roussos family and The Sun on the special Saffie scholarship.

He said: "Congratulations to Nasrideen.

"Watching his entry video, what resonated with me was how much confidence

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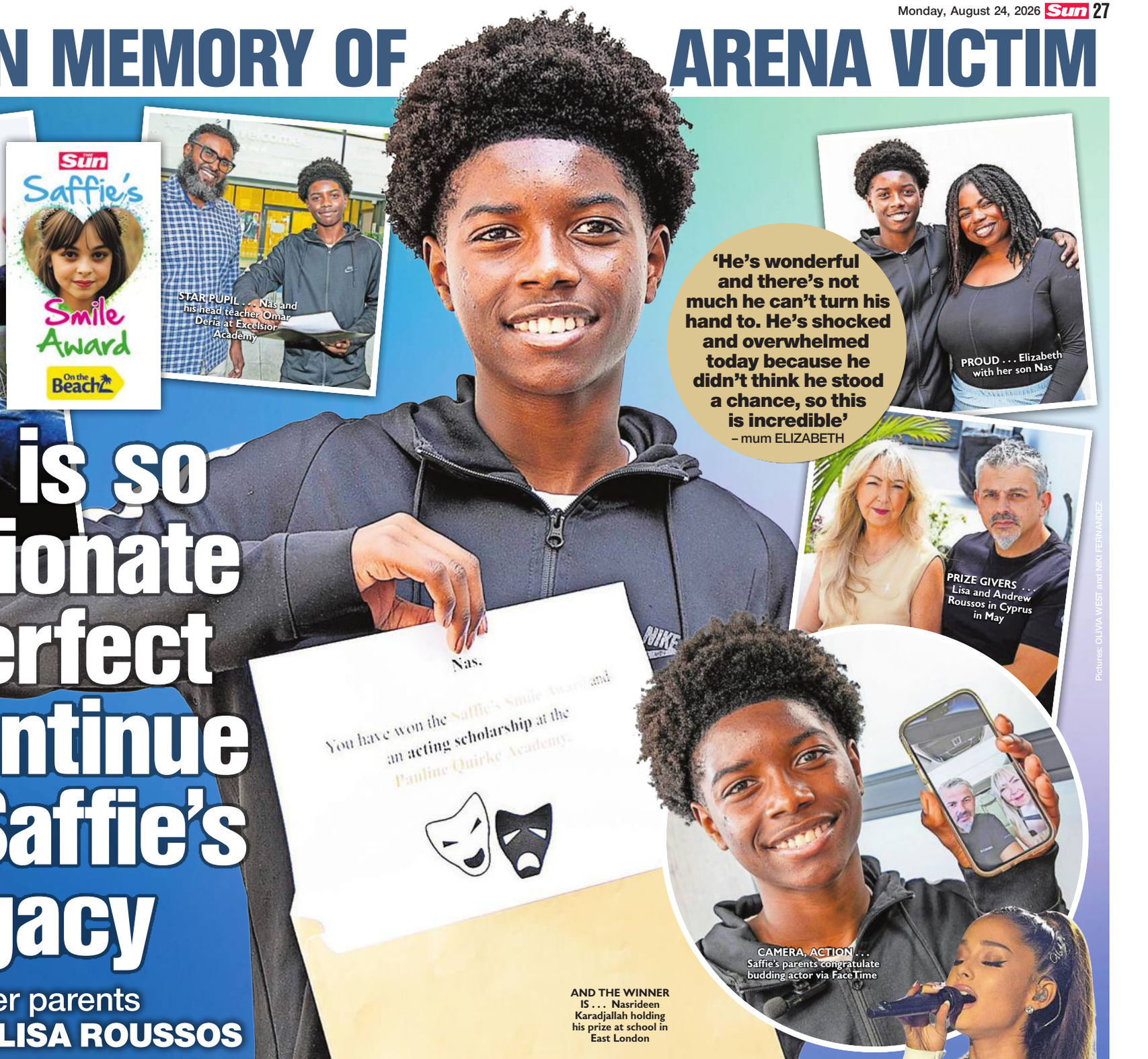

STAR PUPIL . . . Nas and his head teacher Omar Deria at Excelsior Academy

PROUD . . . Elizabeth with her son Nas

'He's wonderful and there's not much he can't turn his hand to. He's shocked and overwhelmed today because he didn't think he stood a chance, so this is incredible'
– mum ELIZABETH

PRIZE GIVERS . . . Lisa and Andrew Roussos in Cyprus in May

CAMERA, ACTION . . . Saffie's parents congratulate budding actor via FaceTime

AND THE WINNER IS . . . Nasrideen Karadjallah holding his prize at school in East London

Pictures: OLIVIA WEST and NIKI FERNANDEZ

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already draws from being on ge, and how it makes him feel ppy and capable of achieving his ls.

We're delighted to welcome him to A and help him build on that fidence while developing his pas- n and skills as a performer.

There is also something special ut him going to school in Hack- . My mum Pauline grew up und there, and it is where her e of performing started.

She has always believed that every d should get the chance to per- n, so we are especially pleased Nasrideen can now take this t step."

as, who splits his time living with grandmother as well as his mum, overcome a lot to develop his ng talent.

lizabeth said: "As a younger child, experienced difficulties with ech and language and was diag- ed in primary school with Devel- ental Language Disorder. He had speech delays when he was younger which lead to the diagnosis. It was a challenge for him, but you wouldn't notice it at all now.

"He's in the top sets for everything at school, which is amazing when you think that some children with DLD can really struggle with things like reading."

While Andrew and Lisa hope to see Nas in the West End or Broadway or winning a Bafta or Oscar when he gets older, acting isn't the only talent the quiet and shy teen has.

'Warm personality'

A keen footballer, he is currently on trial with Arsenal and Chelsea.

Omar Deria, head teacher at Excelsior Academy, was on hand to give Nas his scholarship, and reckons he is the sort of child who seems able to turn his hand to almost anything.

He said: "He's brilliant at basketball and is one of the really good kids.

"He's in with a good group of friends, is always kind to other students and the first to help with anything that's needed.

"He definitely needs to be channelled in the right way as his life can be challenging but this scholarship means so much to him.

"We all believe in him here but having that external belief from people like Andrew and Lisa is huge."

Described by his mum as a "ball of energy", Elizabeth told how Nas's warm personality means people are instinctively drawn to him.

She said proudly: "He's wonderful and there's not much he can't turn his hand to.

"He's very, very sociable and has a great number of friends. People just seem to really warm to him.

"He's had this lovely, warm personality since he was very young. He's shocked and overwhelmed today because he really didn't think he stood a chance, so this is incredible."

The family's prize of a £5,000 holiday voucher comes courtesy of On The Beach. Caspar Nelson, VP of marketing at the travel firm, said: "We're thrilled that Nasrideen has been named this year's winner.

"His resilience, determination and talent are truly inspiring, and this recognition could not be more deserved.

"It's wonderful to see him thriving and being recognised for his remarkable potential.

"We hope the scholarship and trip create unforgettable memories for him and his mum and open the door to many more exciting opportunities.

"We're incredibly proud to support Saffie's Smile alongside The Sun and to help celebrate an exceptional young person with such a bright future ahead of him."

For Nas, the scholarship could be the beginning of something quite extraordinary.

And judging by the huge grin that finally appeared as the shock wore off, the Saffie's Smile Awards 2026 has found the perfect winner.

TRIBUTE . . . Ariana at 2017 Manchester benefit concert

Monday

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

TV GUIDE

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits Highlights from series eight of the magazine show. (S)
10.30 Garden Rescue (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer Properties are appraised in Cornwall, Tyne and Wear and the West Midlands. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Charlie Ross has two challenges for the teams at Ardingly antiques fair. (S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing Jacqui Joseph tries to get a rocking chair back in full swing. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Nicki Chapman helps Jules and Sharlean swap suburban life for rural Cheshire. (S)
3.30 The Repair Shop Experts restore a ring, a mechanical doll, a 1920s banner and a wooden whirligig. (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz hosted by Jason Manford. (R,S)
5.15 Pointless Quiz show hosted by Alexander Armstrong and Nish Kumar. (R,S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S)

7.30pm Priya and Jean join forces in a bid to uncover the truth in EastEnders

7.00 The One Show Roman Kemp and Lauren Laverne present the first visit of the week to the One Show studio, featuring topical stories and celebrity chat. (S)
7.30 EastEnders The Fox-Trueman's continue their efforts to find a stem cell match for Denise. Penny accepts support and Amy overhears a development in the case. (S)
8.00 Sort Your Life Out With Stacey Solomon (1/7) The Appleyard family enlist the help of Stacey and her team in decluttering their home and letting go of half of their belongings. (R,S)
9.00 Death In Paradise (8/9) A prestigious chess match ends in murder, while the Commissioner is confronted with his past by the very last person he was expecting to see. (R,S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 Have I Got News For You (7/10) Stephen Mangan hosts the satirical current affairs quiz with comedy writer Andy Hamilton and comedian Chloe Petts joining team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R,S)
11.10 Emily FILM A story of the imagined life of Emily Bronte and her relationship with a parish curate. Drama, starring Emma Mackey and Oliver Jackson-Cohen. (2022) ✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
1.15-6am BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.15 am The Answer Run (R,S)
7.00 Sign Zone: The Repair Shop The Bear Ladies restore a 1966 World Cup mascot. (R,S,SL)
8.00 Match Of The Day (R,S)
9.00 BBC News (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Quiz show. (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? Quiz, hosted by Vernon Kay. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti II Everyone faces a final reckoning as the great river crossing begins. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow From Redruth in Cornwall. (R,S)
5.15 Flog It! Revisiting historic venues from the series. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Previous winners Jimi Famurewa, Harriet Kemsley, Colin Murray and Sara Pascoe take part in the quiz. (R,S)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels across north-west France, beginning in the former shipyards of Nantes and a port in Lorient from where the Nazis directed the Battle of the Atlantic. (R,S)

9pm The presenter carries on his investigation in Buried With Michael Sheen

7.00 Global Eye Investigations from BBC correspondents all over the world, revealing secrets, rooting out injustice and exposing crime, corruption and abuse. (S)
7.30 Mastermind (6/31) Clive Myrie invites four more contestants to brave the black chair, with specialist subjects of the Tour de France in the 21st century, George Harrison, Virgil's The Aeneid, and Lyndon B Johnson. (S)
8.00 Only Connect (7/34) The Six Sevens take on Meat and Two Veg. (S)
8.30 University Challenge (7/37) Pembroke College, Cambridge takes on the University of St Andrews. (S)
9.00 Buried With Michael Sheen (2/2) Michael's search leads him to Ruabon in north Wales, where many locals have voiced concerns about what they believe is a high incidence of cancer in the community. (S)
10.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (5/6) Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer head to a lake deep in the Surrey Hills and set their hearts on catching a carp. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight Presented by Adam Fleming. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 Jaws 2 FILM Thriller sequel with Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary and Murray Hamilton. (1978) ✪✪✪ (S)
12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile (R,S,SL) **1.50-2.45am** Bergerac (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain News and current affairs, plus health and entertainment features. (S)
10.00 This Morning Celebrity chat, lifestyle features and advice. Including Local Weather. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and the team are in Oldham to hunt for items to put up for auction with Alison Chapman coming across a ring that brings back family memories. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on one of the Chasers and secure a cash prize. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

9pm Nicky Campbell and Davina McCall present Long Lost Family

7.30 Fletchers' Family Farm (4/10) The family carry out a sheep-worming treatment, Marnie and Milo go exploring in the barns, and Liz and Kelvin try working with sheepdogs. (R,S)
8.00 Emmerdale It is Joe and Dawn's wedding day, while Caleb is delighted at a plan coming together and Jimmy feels bitterly betrayed. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Tim makes a confession to Lucy, while Todd discovers Celeste's connection to Bernie. Ben decides to compete with Ollie, and Bethany does her best to reassure Sarah. (S)
9.00 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace: What Happened Next Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell find out what happened to foundling Natasha and her full sister Lee-Ann, who were left in hospitals as babies less than two years apart. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 Rush Hour FILM An overly zealous Hong Kong detective investigating a kidnapping in Los Angeles is teamed with a loud-mouthed local cop. Comedy adventure starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. (1998) ✪✪✪ (S)
12.25 Shop On TV 3.00 The Staircase. In 2001, an ill-fated Thanksgiving leaves Kathleen stressed. (R,S,SL) **4.00** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.10-6am** Dickinson's Real Deal (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Gordon Ramsay advises the owners of an Indian restaurant in New York. (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien head to Staffordshire to meet petrolhead Martin, who's also the organiser of a local music festival. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway Complete strangers Sarah and Paige transform a crumbling house bought at auction. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge The second heat week begins, and three new couples take the keys to the properties. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY Julia may have bitten off more than she can chew in putting on a Mad Hatter's tea party. (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz unleash a sleek '67 Jaguar. (R,S)

8pm Martin & Roman's Irish Road Trip comes to an end in Northern Ireland

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Martin & Roman's Irish Road Trip (3/3) Martin and Roman Kemp head to snowy Northern Ireland, diving into Selkie myths and a vampire legend that might just have inspired Irish writer Bram Stoker to create Dracula. They learn how the cherished sport of hurling has an origin story rooted in myth and spend a night at what's reputed to be Northern Island's most haunted hotel, before exploring the Irish origins of Halloween and experiencing the Derry Halloween Festival. (S)
9.00 Celebrity Hunted (7/8) Two runners make a high-risk appearance at Bristol Pride and an audacious prank in a Milton Keynes pub threatens to backfire badly. (S)
10.00 Secret Lives Of Gypsy Wives (6/6) Trewley's sister Pearly tries on wedding dresses. Trewley rebels against traditional roles by going on a date, and faces a moral dilemma. (S)
11.05 Celebrity Gogglebox (1/6) A rolling cast of famous faces appraise the week's television shows. (R,S)
12.05 Emergency Helicopter Medics (R,S) **1.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL) **1.55** FILM Dirt Music. Drama starring Kelly Macdonald. (2019) ✪✪✪ (S) **3.40** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R,S) **3.45** Couples Come Dine With Me (R,S,SL) **4.40** Hollyoaks Omnibus (R,S,SL) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate, presented by Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran. (S)
12.45 5 News (S)
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
2.20 A View To Kill For Molly's FILM family relocate when she inherits her estranged father's mansion, but a stranger breaks in and leaves a warning. Thriller starring Tiffany Montgomery. (2023) ✪✪✪ (S)
4.00 Castle The author poses as a college professor so he can investigate the gruesome murder of a student, but he and Beckett soon discover dark secrets the university wants to keep hidden. (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature The process of hand-harvesting sea salt. (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster Paul Merton and Suki Webster head to Cornwall. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

8pm Officer Lewis features in Street Cops: Catching The Yobs

7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Rebecca Charlton presents action from stage three of the Grand Tour race, a 174km mountain route from Gruissan to Font-Romeu. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Street Cops: Catching The Yobs PCs Payel and Nytalia attend a drunk man causing traffic chaos in Northampton, despite persistent warnings to stay away from the road. (S)
9.00 Fare Dodgers: At War With The Law In north London, TfL investigators prepare to track down a suspected serial fare evader accused of using a blocked card to rack up more than £2,000 in unpaid fares. (S)
10.00 Police Interceptors: Taking Down The Shoplifting Gangs (4/4) PC Elijah must collate intelligence from 23 police forces across the country before putting evidence to two people suspected of being tied to UK-wide shop thefts. (R,S)
11.05 Traffic Cops (9/20) Officers protect lorry drivers and their cargoes. (R,S)
12.05 Police Interceptors (R,S) **1.00** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **2.50** Castle (R,S) **3.35** Friends (R,S) **4.35** The Highland Vet (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.45-6am** The Adventures Of Paddington (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Richard Holt: Yr Academi Felys **12.30** Heno **1.00** Straeon Harri Parri **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Miwsig Fy Mywyd **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blwi **4.10** Sam Tan **4.20** Anifeiliaid Bach Y Byd **4.30** Crawc A'i Ffrindiau **4.40** Dal Dy Ddannedd **5.00** Stwnsh: Dennis A Dannedd **5.10** Byd Rwtsh Dai Potsh **5.25** Bwystfil **5.35** He-Man A Meistri'r Bydysawd **6.00** Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro **6.30** Lowri Morgan: Her 333 **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Sgwrs Dan Y Lloer **8.25** Garddio A Mwy **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Cefn Gwlad **9.58** Y Tywydd **10.05** Y Deis **10.35-11.40pm** Y Fets BBC ONE WALES: **9.00-10pm** Buried With Michael Sheen BBC TWO WALES: **9.00-10pm** Death In Paradise

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HAMZA'S LIVING IT LARD

WILDLIFE presenter HAMZA YASSIN lost two stone on Strictly Come Dancing when he won the 2022 series.

But now he's regained the weight, he admits it is affecting filming of his new BBC wildlife show African Birds Of Prey.

On location, he has been asked to stay back and let a team of experts forge ahead through dense forest to look for birds – as his bulk would cause too much disturbance.

He said: "I've been told I'm making too much noise trying to squeeze my big body through tiny gaps. The guys have had enough. They said, 'You wait here and we'll come and find you'."

Luckily, the crew found the a rare owl they had been hunting, and Hamza filmed it. He gasped: "Holy mackerel. I see it. It is so small. How pretty it is."

The show will air on Sunday on BBC One at 7pm.

CLASSIC Aussie kids' series Round The Twist is coming to ITV. First aired in the UK in the early 1990s, from the BBC Broom Cupboard, the show followed dad Tony Twist, his three children and their adventures in a haunted lighthouse. Episodes will drop on ITVX from September 17.

IT'S UP, UP THEN AWAY

FANS of the groundbreaking Up docu-series eagerly awaiting its conclusion are also to get an extra TWO special episodes.

The project has charted the lives of a single group of Brits since childhood, every seven years for over six decades, and the next and final season, 70 Up, will catch up with them one last time. They include taxi driver Tony, musician Peter and university administrator Sue.

BYE . . . Tony

But ITV now says it will also air two bonus episodes – 7 Up: The Story explores how the landmark series came to be and 70 Up: The Victorians showcases long-lost footage of a group of 70-year-olds born in Victorian times who were interviewed around the time the series started in 1965.

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EDWARD SUITS HIS NEW ROLE AS POIROT

THE clocks have been turned back on AGATHA CHRISTIE'S classic detective saga Poirot – with fresh-faced EDWARD BLUEMEL taking over as the master sleuth.

Killing Eve star Edward plays the youngest-ever Hercule in the BBC "prequel" – and here's a first look at him in action.

Filming of the six-parter, Hercule, has begun in Liverpool and, as my pictures show, the actor has adopted the Belgian detective's trademark style.

Breathing new life into the famous role, played for almost 25 years by DAVID SUCHET, Edward looked dapper in his grey three-piece suit, Homburg hat and moustache.

The series will feature three of Christie's early stories.

Earlier this month I revealed these will include Lord Edgware Dies – a 1933 story of a glam actress who talks about getting rid of her husband, only for him to be murdered 24 hours later.

Producers will also revisit Christie's 1932 novel, Peril At End House, which sees Poirot investigate a series of supposed accidents affecting a young heiress.

Both books were turned into TV dramas during David Suchet's tenure as the detective, on ITV.

Edward filmed scenes alongside Riot Women's TAMSIN GREIG and Supacell actor CALVIN DEMBA this week. Cold Feet star JAMES NESBITT and Oppenheimer's JAMES D'ARCY will also feature.

Hercule is expected to air next year.

EARLY LABOURS OF HERCULE . . . Edward Bluemel stars, with Calvin Demba, as James Japp, *top*, and Tamsin Greig, *above centre*

David: All's Will that ends Will

MITCHELL SHAKESPEARE COMEDY AXED

HE was crowned champion of Last One Laughing and the second series of his cosy crime drama Ludwig is another hit.

But I can reveal **DAVID MITCHELL** has also suffered a rare blow – his Bafta-nominated sitcom Upstart Crow has bitten the dust.

In it, he played William Shakespeare and **LIZA TARBUCK** the bard's wife, Anne Hathaway. It was scripted by Blackadder co-writer **BEN ELTON**.

But, after three series, the Beeb has dropped the final curtain.

David said: "There was a time, quite recently, when the BBC was giving serious consideration to more Upstart Crow, possibly in the form of a Christmas special.

"But sadly nothing has come of it and now there are no plans for future episodes, which is a shame because it was a show of which I felt enormously proud and I know Ben – who I think is a genius – did too."

The series also spawned a theatre show, which ran in the West End in 2020 and again in 2022.

BARD NEWS . . . David as Will with cast

Upstart Crow was a comedic take on Shakespeare's life, as he worked on plays such as Romeo and Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream, commuting between Stratford-upon-Avon to the theatres of London.

Upstart Crow was a (real life) insulting nickname given to Shakespeare by rival playwright Robert Greene (**MARK HEAP**).

One of the running jokes revolved around the problems he met getting to work and back by horse-and-carriage, which any modern rail commuter could relate to.

The comedy also featured Game Of Thrones star **GEMMA WHELAN** as Kate, daughter of Shakespeare's landlady. **HARRY ENFIELD** played Shakespeare's dad John and other star guests included **SIR KENNETH BRANAGH**, **LILY COLE** and **BEN MILLER**.

There were two Christmas specials, including one in Covid-hit 2020, in which the Shakespeare family was locked down, because of the onset of the plague.

LUBA EYES MOVE INTO SOAPLAND

AXED Strictly Come Dancing pro LUBA MUSHTUK is eyeing a new career away from the dancefloor – acting.

The Russian-British dancer was a fan favourite after seven years on the BBC show but got culled in this year's overhaul.

She said: "I just signed with an acting agent and I'm hoping this career will take off for me. I am loving learning a new art form and have been to auditions – the best practice. There will be many nos before I get a yes, but I am loving it."

At the launch of immersive experience Peaky Blinders Under-world, Luba said she would love to be in EastEnders.

She added: "I spent ten years of my life doing the same thing.

"Now I have left the show, it's opened the door to so many opportunities. I have a lot of projects at the moment.

"Life is like a dance. When one dance finishes, there are new steps to learn. Maybe that dance will be even better."

Monday

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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** The Great British Sewing Bee **9.00** Top Gear **10.00** Silent Witness **11.55 FILM** Monkey Man. Action thriller starring Dev Patel. (2024) **1.50-3.05am** The Trouble With Kanye

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm The Architecture The Railways Built **7.45** The Flying Gardener **8.00** Archaeology: A Secret History **9.00** Mastermind **9.30** Call My Bluff **10.00** John Betjeman: The Last Laugh: Reputations **11.05** Beside The Seaside: Bird's Eye View **11.55** Metroland **12.45** A Passion For Churches **1.35** The Flying Gardener **1.50-3am** John Betjeman: The Last Laugh: Reputations

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress To Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.10** The Floor **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** The Floor **8.00** The 1% Club Rollover **9.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30-2am** Plebs

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Lewis **11.50** Trial & Retribution **1.45-2.15am** George And Mildred

ITV4 freeview 26

6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Robin Of Sherwood **9.10** Boon **10.15** The Professionals **11.25** Robin Of Sherwood **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** River Monsters **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00 FILM** Six Bullets. Action thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. (2012) **11.20** Benidorm **12.20** Lost **1.15-2.10am** Motorsport UK

E4 freeview 13

6am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **11.00** Below Deck: Mediterranean **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00** Below Deck Down Under **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10-2.10am** Below Deck Down Under

MORE4 freeview 18

8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** PopMaster TV. The second heat of the music quiz. **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15-2.15am** 24 Hours In A&E

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Hawaii Five-0. Pilot episode of the American crime drama remake. **9.00** Evil **10.00** Caught On Dashcam **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Wynonna Earp **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

IT'S GETTING CUPID NOW . . . teen romance Sterling Point

STERLING POINT
Prime Video

ANOTHER day, another teen romance series drops on the streamers. It's easy to feel the genre is at saturation point, as shows blur into one another.

I had to check I'd not already seen this latest one, Sterling Point. It's very similar to another recent watch, Every Year After.

A coming-of-age young adult drama with a beautiful lead searching for answers as romance bubbles – the blurb could apply to both shows and many others.

Angsty Annie (Ella Rubin) is at the centre of the plot. As she cries in the pristine kitchen of her New York home, life feels hard for the 17-year-old, who just failed to get into a business summer programme. Her twin brother Connor (Keen Ruffalo, son of Hulk star Mark) is more of a fun boy and has little sympathy.

The pair find their estranged maternal grandad has died and left them a house in Canada. Looking through some cards from him, Annie comes across Sterling Point, a location described as her mum's "favourite place on Earth". Mum is notably absent, but it's not yet explained why. As she hops on a flight to the Canadian Island to seek answers, it's clear Annie has lived a sheltered life. She pops a sedative before an air hostess tells her it's only a 45-minute flight. Landing in a drug-induced haze, Annie's greeted by cute Ellis (Jacob Whiteduck-Lavoie) and his sea plane.

It soon turns out her grandad Gordon had owned the entire island. But that's not the only revelation. Annie pals up with cheeky Brit Oona (Bo

E4 8pm Margo Stilley returns to London in Ladies Of London: The New Reign

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7.25am Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's India **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Guy's Garage **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's India **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? The Unseen Bits **8.20** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas **9.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Taskmaster. Aisling Bea bleeds on bread. **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** Would I Lie To You? The Unseen Bits **1.20-2am** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas

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7.15am The Bill **8.10** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Classic Neighbours **3.05** Whitstable Pearl **4.10** Kingdom **5.15** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Luther **12.40** Lovejoy **1.50-2.50am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

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6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Long Lost Family **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11pm-2am** Help! My House Is Haunted

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6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** The World At War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** The Blue Planet **8.00** Canal Boat Diaries **10.00** Bangers & Cash **12.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

U&W freeview 25

6.15am Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.30** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK. Featuring a mugger in Kent. **9.30** One Born Every Minute. A man prepares to become a father to someone else's child. **10.30** Inside The Ambulance **11.00** Lies, Deceit And Betrayal **1.00-3am** Property Brothers At Home

QUEST freeview 17

6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **9.00** Ant Anstead: Born Mechanic **10.00** The Repair Shop. The team restores a ceremonial cavalry helmet. **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

THAT'S TV freeview 56

8am Rising Damp **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **9.10** Never The Twain **9.40** On The Buses **10.10** Bread **10.50** Steptoe And Son **11.30** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.05** Rising Damp **12.35** Man About The House **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.40** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.50** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.05** Rising Damp **6.40** Steptoe And Son **7.15** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless. Mimi asks Paddy to perform one last job for the family. **10.55** Man About The House **11.30** Mind Your Language **12.00** Benidorm **1.00-2am** Minder

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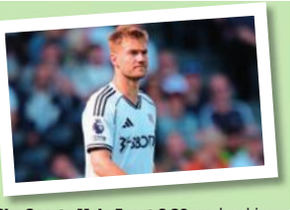

Sky Sports Main Event 6.30pm Joachim Andersen and Fulham face Chelsea

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports Catch Up **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.00** Ref Watch **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** Sports Desk **4.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day one of the qualifying event for the Grand Slam, which takes place at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **6.30** LIVE MNF. Fulham v Chelsea. Kick-off at 8.00. Coverage of the Premier League match at Craven Cottage, as the opening round of fixtures draws to a close. **11.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day one of the qualifying event for the Grand Slam, which takes place at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **2.00-6am** LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open. Coverage of the ATP 250 and WTA 500 events, both hard-court tournaments staged in the USA and Mexico, respectively.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am Premier League Stories **6.30** FNF **7.00** SNF **7.30** PL Highlights **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.00** Ref Watch **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** FNF **1.30** PL Highlights **3.00** SNF **3.30** PL Highlights **5.00** The Premier League Show **6.00** Ref Watch **6.30** LIVE MNF. Fulham v Chelsea. Kick-off at 8.00. Coverage of the Premier League match at Craven Cottage, as the opening round of fixtures draws to a close. **11.00** Transfer 360 **12.00** MNF Hlts **12.30** Ref Watch **1.00-3am** PL Retro

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL League One Goals **6.30** EFL League Two Goals **7.00** EFL Highlights **10.00** EFL League One Goals **10.30** EFL League Two Goals **11.00** EFL **1.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.15** EFL Highlights **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** EFL League One Goals **3.30** EFL League Two Goals **4.00** EFL Highlights **6.30** Bundesliga Preview **7.30** EFL League One Goals **8.00** EFL League Two Goals **8.30** EFL Highlights **9.15** EFL Cup Highlights **9.45** EFL Highlights **11.00** Bundesliga Preview **12.00-3am** EFL

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6am Betfred Super League **11.45** Betfred Super League Highlights **12.00** NFL Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **8.00** The Proving Ground **8.30** NBA Basketball **10.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights **11.00** NFL Highlights **12.00** The Insiders **1.00** LIVE WNBA. Minnesota Lynx v Golden State Valkyries. Tip-off at 1.00. Coverage of the match at Target Center. **3.30-5.30am** LIVE WNBA. Los Angeles Sparks v Atlanta Dream. Tip-off at 3.00. Coverage of the match at Crypto.com Arena.

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports Catch Up **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **8.00** Betfred Super League **10.45** My Icon: Christine Ohuruogu **11.00** Ref Watch **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** Sports Desk **4.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day one of the qualifying event for the Grand Slam in Flushing Meadows, New York. **7.00** LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open. Coverage of the ATP 250 and WTA 500 events, both hard-court tournaments staged in the USA and Mexico, respectively. **2.00-6am** LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am International T20 Cricket **6.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **7.00** Test Cricket **1.00** International T20 Cricket **3.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **4.00** Test Cricket **9.00** One-Day International Cricket **12.00** International T20 Cricket **12.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **1.00** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **1.30-2am** International T20 Cricket

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky One 8pm Steve Backshall looks at shark species in British Isles Special

SKY ONE

6am Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** La Brea **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Rob & Romesh Vs Country Music **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Shark: British Isles Special With Steve Backshall. The naturalist goes in search of sharks around the British Isles. **9.00** Never Mind The Buzzcocks. With Courtney Love, Joel Dommett, Abi Harding and Glen Matlock. **10.00** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver. A satirical look at the past seven days. **10.45** Rob Beckett: Wallop. A stand-up show by the comedian. **12.00** Grimm **1.00-2am** Evil

SKY ATLANTIC

6am The Guest Wing **8.00** Billions **10.15** House Of The Dragon **12.40** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.30** Billions **4.40** Django **6.35** House Of The Dragon **9.00 FILM** Nightcrawler. Crime drama starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Rene Russo and Bill Paxton. (2014) **11.05** Possession **12.05-2.50am** Dune: Prophecy

SKY WITNESS

6am Sun, Sea And A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Motorway Patrol **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A family discover a young boy is in grave danger. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. An undertaker is killed. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.25am Don't Wait Up **7.55** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.35** Only Fools And Horses **9.15** The Green Green Grass **9.55** Are You Being Served? **10.30** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.50** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.25** Only Fools And Horses **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.40** Dad's Army **2.20** The Green Green Grass **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.20** Dad's Army **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Only Fools And Horses. Del sets Rodney up on a date. **7.40** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring enlists an unusual recruit. **8.20** Are You Being Served? Mr Goldberg sets up an employment agency. **9.00** Fawlty Towers. An abrasive guest exasperates Basil. **9.40** The Office. A work experience trainee has a baptism of fire. **10.20** Not Going Out. Lee poses as Lucy's husband at a trade conference. **10.55** Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes goes on a diet. **11.35** Fawlty Towers **12.20** The Office **1.00** Not Going Out **1.35-2.25am** Mrs Brown's Boys

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Upper Hand **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Friends **9.00** Stupid Central **10.00** Jimmy Carr's Am I The A**hole? Comedy panel show about jaw-dropping confessions. **11.00** Mr Bean. Rowan Atkinson stars. **12.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **1.00-2am** South Park

U&ALIBI

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Death In Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. Nora is back with a beau who hires Shade and Everett. **8.00** My Life Is Murder. A wealthy woman is killed amid a dog custody dispute. **9.00** Father Brown. The sleuth investigates the macabre world of doll's house crime scenes. **10.00** Death In Paradise. A passenger disappears from a flight to Dominica, only to be found dead in Saint Marie. **11.00** Private Eyes. Nora is back with a beau who hires Shade and Everett after his clinic's database is hacked. **12.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.00-4am** My Life Is Murder

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Avenue 5 **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** Upright **1.40** Avenue 5 **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** Two Weeks To Live **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** Animal Control **9.00** Real Time With Bill Maher. The comedian and guests discuss the week's events. **10.10** Warren's Vortex **11.10** The Reluctant Landlord **12.10** Animal Control **1.10-2.10am** Community

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** The Aquarium **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers. Mike and Edd restore a 1970 Ford Bronco. **8.00** Ant Anstead Master Mechanic **9.00** Maine Cabin Masters. Chase Morrill and his crew work to save an old cabin in Oakland. **10.00** Building Off The Grid. A family try to build a silo greenhouse home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia. **11.00** Expedition X. Phil and Heather explore the Rock of Gibraltar's tunnels in pursuit of the Mad Monk. **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Maine Cabin Masters

RADIO

Radio 2 9.30am Mark Goodier presents music and chat as he sits in for Vernon Kay

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6.30am Chris Evans **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Will MacDonald **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-6.30am** Steve Denyer

TALKRADIO DAB talkradio.co.uk

6am Jeremy Kyle **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive **7.00** Kick Off **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00-5am** Extra Time With Paul Ross

Sun tv 4-PAGE SECTION TV GUIDE

Bragason) who's looking after her little sister Maple while their wayward mum gallivants.

It's not a teen drama without a house party, and it turns out Annie's old pal, handsome Rory (Daniel Quinn Toye), is hosting the soiree. Another potential suitor for Annie to crush over.

With all the hallmarks of your regular teen drama – love triangle, absent parents, dreamy location – this also has a good dose of mystery, likeable characters, and a touch of nostalgia.

From the team behind Blake Lively hit Gossip Girl and with Margot Robbie as executive producer, it has star power too.

JANINE YAQOOB

KEMP MATES . . Roman and Martin

Sun tv picks

MARTIN & ROMAN'S IRISH ROAD TRIP, Channel 4, 8pm: We've loved being father-and-son duo Martin and Roman's travel companion on their Ireland road-trip in this series that's been a heart-warming watch.

But in the final episode, the temperatures plunge, as the Kemps head to a snowy Northern Ireland for a dip in the freezing sea.

After learning about mythical Selkies, which transform from seal to human, they explore the spine-tingling legend of a vampire, which might have inspired Irish author Bram Stoker's Dracula.

The duo also learn how mythology influenced hurling and give it a try for themselves.

Next on the agenda is a stay at a haunted hotel, before their journey ends at Europe's biggest Halloween Festival, in Derry.

They may well have left the best until last.

LADIES OF LONDON: THE NEW REIGN, E4, 8pm: Reality fans will be in their element as, after nearly a decade away, Ladies Of London is back – and it's as outrageous as ever.

There are new faces and some familiar ones, including a sharp-dressed man with a tongue to match – that's Made In Chelsea's Mark-Francis Vandelli, host of the first glamorous party.

Strictly star Lady Emma Thynn is in Cannes, but model Misse Beqiri (formerly a Cheshire Housewife) is there, as are Margo Stilley, famous for a saucy film, and aristocrat Martha Sitwell.

American Myka is an etiquette expert, but she's dumbstruck when socialite Kimi announces, "Your friend is a madam."

BURIED WITH MICHAEL SHEEN, BBC Two, 9pm: This fascinating documentary series concludes as Michael wraps up his investigation into the Welsh chemical scandal with a visit to the site of an abandoned Monsanto factory near Wrexham.

Residents say there are high levels of cancer in the area. When Michael is tested for polychlorinated biphenyls he says: "PCBs were banned 40 years ago. Yet I still have 81 different types inside me."

FARE DODGERS: AT WAR WITH THE LAW, Channel 5, 9pm: The race is on for the Transport for London team to stop evaders.

Two staff have their work cut out as they attempt to track down an evader suspected of using a blocked card to rack up more than £2k in unpaid fares on the Elizabeth Line in a month.

RIANNE ISON

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am Nick Dougherty's Tee Time Tips **7.00** Playing Lessons **7.30** DP World Tour Golf **11.00** PGA Tour Golf **5.00** LPGA Tour Golf **7.00** PGA Tour Golf **8.00** DP World Tour Golf **8.30** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **9.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **10.00** Legends Tour Golf **11.00** Women In Golf: Breaking With Tradition **12.00-6am** PGA Tour Golf

TNT SPORTS 1

1.30pm LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Coverage of stage three of the Grand Tour race. **5.00** Sign Up – Into Football **6.00** LIVE Ultimate Pool. Coverage of the Finals Night of the Champions League tournament. **9.30** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter **10.30** MLB Highlights **11.30** LIVE MLB. Miami Marlins v Boston Red Sox. Start-time at **11.40**. Coverage of the inter-league match at loanDepot park. **5.15am-1.30pm** LIVE Test Cricket. Sri Lanka v India.

TNT SPORTS 2

6am Cycling **7.00** LIVE Snooker Wuhan Open. Coverage of the third session from round one of the tournament. **10.00** The WRC Magazine **10.30** Cycling **11.30** Cycling **12.30** LIVE Snooker Wuhan Open. Coverage of the fourth session from round one of the tournament. **3.30** CPL Highlights **4.00** UEFA Champions League – Stories of the Finals **5.00** Serie A **7.00** Test Cricket Highlights **8.00** UCI Mountain Bike World Series Review **8.30** UEFA Champions League – Stories of the Finals **8.45** Cycling **9.00** Fishing: On the Bank **10.00** Snooker Wuhan Open **12.00** Test Cricket Highlights **1.00-2.30am** LIV Golf

TNT SPORTS 3

6am LIV Golf **7.30** Fishing: On the Bank **8.30** Serie A **10.30** Premier League – The Big Interview **11.00** Premier League **12.30** Cycling **1.30** LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Coverage of stage three of the Grand Tour race. **5.00** FEI World Championships **8.00** NWSL **10.00** Cycling **11pm-2am** UFC

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am FIM Sidecarcross Championship **7.00** LaLiga **11.00** World Of FreeSports **11.30** LaLiga **3.30** Sporting Greats **4.00** Sporting Countdowns **4.30** LaLiga **6.25** LIVE LaLiga. Osasuna v Levante. Kick-off at 6.30. **8.25** LIVE LaLiga. Malaga v Deportivo La Coruna. Kick-off at 8.30. **10.30** Sporting Countdowns **11.00** Mass Participation **12.00-2am** LaLiga

TALKSPORT2 DAB talksport.com

8am TalkSPORT 2 Special **3.00** The Social **5.00** The Monday Club With William Hill **6.00** EFL All Access **7.00** TalkSPORT 2 Special **12.00-8am** My Sporting Life

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6am Kate McCann And Calum Macdonald **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00** Daniel Finkelstein **2.00** Jane Garvey **4.00** John **7.00** The Evening Edition With Kait Borsay **10.00** Josh Glancy **1.00** The Best Of Times Radio **5.00-6am** James Kitchin With Early Breakfast

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7am Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin And Charlie **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Mylo And Rosie **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home With Vick, Katie And Jamie On Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** New Music Show With Jack Saunders **8.00** Future Artists With Sian Eleri **10.00** Power Down Playlist With Sian Eleri **11.00** Rock Show With Daniel P Carter **1.00** BBC Introducing Rock On Radio 1 With Jordan Blyth **2.00** At Reading And Leeds Festival **3.00** At Reading And Leeds Festival **3.30** At Reading And Leeds Festival **4.00** Pop Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Dean McCullough

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6.30am The Radio 2 Breakfast Show **9.30** Mark Goodier **12.00** Tina Daheley **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Jason Manford **7.00** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Blues Show **10.00** The Good Groove With Melvin Odoom **12.00-2.30am** OJ Borg

MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 8pm Bob Odenkirk (centre) stars in Normal

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

8.45am Signal One (15, 2026) ★★★ **10.25 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **12.15 Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **2.15 Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **4.30 Charlie The Wonderdog** (PG, 2025) ★★★ **6.15 Twinless** (15, 2025) ★★★★ **8.00 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **9.40 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **11.30pm-1.40am Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

7.55am The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water (U, 2015) ★★★★ **9.30 Shark Tale** (U, 2004) ★★★★ **11.10 Charlie The Wonderdog** (PG, 2025) ★★★ **12.55 Penguins Of Madagascar** (U, 2014) ★★★★ **2.30 Flushed Away** (U, 2006) ★★★★ **4.00 Chicken Run** (U, 2000) ★★★★ **5.30 The Secret Life Of Pets** (U, 2016) ★★★★ **7.00 The Secret Life Of Pets 2** (U, 2019) ★★★★ **8.30 Smurfs: The Lost Village** (U, 2017) ★★★ **10.05 DC League Of Super-Pets** (PG, 2022) ★★★★ **11.55 Dog Man** (U, 2025) ★★★★ **1.30-2.55am Buffalo Kids** (PG, 2024) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

8.05am Highlander (15, 1986) ★★★★ **10.05 Fight Or Flight** (15, 2024) ★★★ **11.50 Bad Boys** (15, 1995) ★★★★ **1.50 Bad Boys II** (15, 2003) ★★★★ **4.20 The Meg** (12, 2018) ★★★★ **6.20 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **8.00 Fuze** (15, 2026) ★★★ **9.40 Troy** (15, 2004) ★★★★ **12.30-2.20am 300: Rise Of An Empire** (15, 2014) ★★★

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11am Charade (PG, 1963) ★★★★ **1.15 Howards End** (PG, 1992) ★★★★★ **4.05 Shenandoah** (PG, 1965) ★★★ **6.15 American Gangster Special 6.25 Moonfall** (12, 2022) ★★★ **9.00 Public Enemies** (15, 2009) ★★★★ **11.45pm-3.10am Heat** (15, 1995) ★★★★★

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11.30am The Dark Light (PG, 1951) ★★★ **12.50 Look At Life 1.00 Richard The Lionheart 1.30 Hell Drivers** (PG, 1957) ★★★★ **3.40 Window To The Sky** (1967) ★★★ **4.00 That's My Boy 4.35 Blanche Fury** (U, 1948) ★★★★ **6.35 The History Of Shippams In Chichester 1954 7.00 The Footage Detectives 8.00 Maigret 9.55 Mort D'un Pourri** (12, 1977) ★★★ **12.25-2.25am Sea Of Sand** (U, 1958) ★★

GREAT! MYSTERY freeview 50

1pm In Plain Sight 2.00 Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 Mystery 101: Playing Dead (PG, 2019) ★★ **11.55pm-1.50am Ruby Herring Mysteries: Silent Witness** (PG, 2019) ★★★

GREAT! ACTION freeview 42

1pm The Unit 2.00 Burn Notice 4.00 Seattle Superstorm (12, 2012) ★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 Hercules** (12, 2014) ★★★ **11.00 The Avengers 12.00-1am The New Avengers**

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ADULT CONTENT IS BIG BUSINESS

HARD WORK . . . lace factory in Derbyshire

HOW THE STARS OF ONLYFANS TURNED SEDATE LACE TRIANGLE BLUE

BY KEVIN DONALD and CLAIRE DUNWELL

SINCE the Industrial Revolution, Derbyshire's hardworking women have led the way in building lucrative businesses in what was once known as the Lace Triangle.

Fast forward to today and, as jobs have dried up, the only lace triangles you are likely to find now will be discarded on the bedroom floor.

Locals say women raised here have had to get more "imaginative" to earn their corn – and three of the UK's most successful adult content creators were brought up in the county.

Bonnie Blue, 27 – born Tia Billinger – was raised in pretty Draycott; Lily Phillips, 25, grew up 14 miles away in Denby; and Rebecca Goodwin, 32, is from Chesterfield. The area is now dubbed the "OnlyFans Triangle".

All three chose a less virtuous path than the generations who preceded them and now earn fortunes selling explicit photos and videos online.

Their colossal income would leave their fiercely independent hand-bobbing forebears, who knew what real hard work felt like, stunned.

Controversial sexual stuntwoman Blue, who made her name sleeping with 1,057 men in 12 hours, is worth an estimated £33million – but was banned from OnlyFans last year – while Phillips rakes in a reported £500,000 a month and Goodwin £250,000 a month.

So what do the folk who live in this picturesque part of the UK – where the average salary is a modest £35,000 to £40,000 – think of its new breed of big-earning women?

In Draycott, a small walking party is sitting on a bench, drinking tea from flasks and unwrapping homemade sandwiches.

They have never heard of Bonnie Blue, but Paul Cooper, 72, Lynsey Jones, 73, Chris Jones, 76, and Julie Scott, 69, nod knowingly at the mention of OnlyFans.

None are shocked that women are earning millions flogging sexual content online.

"Well, it's the oldest profession in the world, isn't it?" says Julie.

However, Paul has an interesting theory about this new wave of female financial dominance in Derbyshire.

He says: "Derbyshire played a key part in the Industrial Revolution. It had water-powered factories, great mills, coal mining."

He points at a domed building in the distance, currently home to swanky flats.

"That was Victoria Mill, one of the biggest lace factories in the world. This area was part of what was known as the Lace Triangle – it was famous for making lace.

"Of course that's now long gone, and the mines are long gone, so it leads to a decline in good jobs for local people. And that means these girls have had to get imaginative about how to make money. It won't please everyone."

Blue's hunger for fame was not borne out of poverty – it arguably stems from a simple desire to be rich and famous.

Before gaining notoriety for bedding hundreds of men and declaring that husbands should cheat on "lazy" wives, she was once a dance-loving schoolgirl who doted on her privately educated boyfriend and enjoyed a comfortable lifestyle.

Phillips, whose parents owned a successful cleaning company, was on a wholesome, academic path, studying for a nutrition degree at Sheffield University.

She dropped out in 2020, a year after launching herself on OnlyFans. In 2024, she engaged in sexual acts with 101 men in a single day and shared the stunt with her subscribers.

Of the three, only Goodwin – nicknamed "traffic cone girl" for her unique choice of props that feature in her explicit videos – has spoken of hardship prior to her adult content career taking off.

While the subscription-based platform is best known for its adult material, not all users earn money in the same way as Blue, Phillips and Goodwin have done.

More virtuous money-making creators share tutorials on hair and beauty, dentistry, baking, and arts and crafts.

As you enter Blue's home village of Draycott, you're first struck by the floral displays bursting from troughs. There are hanging baskets across the village centre, and a knitted scene adorning a post box adds a wholesome touch. Callum Burton and his wife quit their jobs to start the real ale house, and business is booming – but they have a way to go to reach Bonnie Blue's annual earnings.

"She must be doing well," says Callum. "I see someone who I'm sure is related to her driving around in a blue Lamborghini – it's pretty flashy.

"Day-to-day, you don't hear Bonnie being discussed very much. I think people just have the view she can get on with it and earn her money however she sees fit, even if some of her stunts have been a bit extreme."

One local who is by no means thrilled to be associated with Blue is the owner of Bonnie's hair salon down the road. Established 22 years ago by Bonnie Lee Jackson, you could assume it was somehow linked to the porn star.

Emphatically not, insists the owner, who is so anxious to distance her business from Bonnie Blue that she declined to comment.

Another villager tells us: "Bonnie's business was here when Tia was still at school. It's a shame for her because it's got nothing to do with Tia, but people keep asking Bonnie about it. Tia got pregnant after having sex with 400 men and is still posting content during pregnancy. Who wants to be associated with that?"

If Draycott is reluctant to be associated with Bonnie Blue, the same can be said for the inhabitants of Lily Phillips' smaller home village of Denby. The barman at the Denby Lodge went to school with her and recalls her as an unremarkable pupil.

But what does he think of her current career? "It's up to her how she makes money," he shrugs. "It's not like there are many options."

Bar manager Sally picks up the same

'They need to find Jesus. It's not a respectable way to make money'

Nathan Wright

'Rebecca donated £1,000 out of the blue. She's a hero'

Kirsty Smith

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theme: "Across the field behind the pub you'll get to the Denby Pottery, or what was the Denby Pottery – it's shut down now after all those years.

"It's sad that young people don't have the big employers like they used to. They turn to other ways of making money."

There were 130 jobs lost when Denby fired its last piece of ceramic in June, ending a proud 217-year tradition that made the name famous worldwide.

If that was Phillips' only employment option close to where she was raised, she's done quite well without it, having last December snapped up a £1.1m mansion in the well-heeled Cheshire village of Tarvin.

Blue and Goodwin's reputation in Chesterfield is mixed. No-nonsense churchgoer Nathan Wright, from the town, said: "These girls need to find Jesus. This isn't a respectable way to earn money. It's not just for themselves – it sets a bad example to children, who will feel they don't need to work properly to earn money when they grow up."

Wendy, who works in education, agreed: "The argument goes 'They aren't hurting anyone, it's their bodies, they can do as they wish with them'.

"But when Bonnie Blue is deliberately posting rage bait about her conquests of really young men, calling them 'barely legal', she isn't striking some blow for feminism.

"She's fuelling anger and hostility towards women, and there's enough of that online already. Children will think that instead of gaining an education and working hard to achieve something, they can sell their bodies online."

> **"Children may think this is the right way to earn a living"**
>
> Hanna Kasianiuk

Meanwhile, at the town's mid-week market, under the famous crooked spire of the Church of St Mary and All Saints, Kirsty Smith beams at the mention of Goodwin's name.

"My cousin was in a road accident, causing serious injuries that she's still living with. Rebecca donated £1,000, out of the blue. She's a hero."

Hanna Kasianiuk is also an influencer, with 160,000 followers on Instagram and 118,000 on TikTok, but her content is comparatively tame.

She said: "I'm an influencer due to my hair – that's what I post about and I'm lucky that people really like that content."

While her friend Oryna Kozlova chipped in that online platforms of all kinds "are just part of society", Hanna was quick to point out: "My only concern would be if children think that's the way to make money. We have to be careful."

The lace makers who worked brutal 18-hour shifts, six days a week, to put food on the table would have agreed.

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GOING UP

TRUTH BE TOLD

LIANE MORIARTY'S long-awaited sequel to Big Little Lies is out on Thursday. Big Little Truths reunites us with Madeline, Celeste, Jane, Renata, and Bonnie a decade on as they navigate teenage drama and a fresh mystery. It promises to be the ultimate page-turner.

DOPAMINE HIT

BYE, beige living rooms – TikTok's latest interior craze, "dopamine decor," is taking over our homes. Searches for bright, joyful interiors are up more than 110 per cent as we ditch neutrals for bold, mood-boosting colours and playful patterns.

AIN'T LIFE GRAND

ALDI is bringing its Le Grand Poulet rosé magnum down from £11.99 to £9.99, starting Thursday and continuing until September 2. It's equivalent to two standard bottles. Shoppers can buy up to three bottles each.

THAT'S WILD

A SURVEY by holiday lodges.co.uk reveals a nature knowledge gap in kids. Fewer than half could recognise a wood pigeon's coo, and two in five could not identify a fox's call. It turns out our screen-obsessed youth are out of touch.

CLIMATE CHANGES

WITH weather going from storm to sun and back in the space of a few minutes, getting dressed has become an extreme sport. Attempting to balance a rain mac with sandals means our daily outfits are a total hot mess.

SLEEPY HEADS

SLEEP experts at Simba warn it's time to start training the kids again, before school starts after this long summer break. Dragging bedtime forward while it's still broad daylight outside is a battle nobody is ready to face.

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"We were constantly switching glasses until we tried these!"

By Sarah K. *Aged 58*

I didn't think much of it at first. Reading a message? Glasses on. Looking up to watch TV? Glasses off. Stepping outside? Swap again for sunglasses. It was just part of my routine. But when I stopped and really thought about it… I realised I was changing glasses dozens of times a day. "It's just part of getting older," I told myself. But it turns out, it didn't have to be.

The small change that made a big difference

A friend mentioned she'd started using **multi-focus glasses that adjust to light.** I was sceptical. It sounded like one of those things that *claims* to do everything… but doesn't quite deliver. Still, I gave them a try and within a day, I noticed something surprising. I wasn't thinking about my glasses anymore. From constant switching… to one pair, suddenly, I could:

- ✓ **Read my phone clearly**
- ✓ **Look up and see across the room**
- ✓ **Walk outside without reaching for sunglasses**

All with the same pair. No switching. No digging around in my bag. No frustration. Just one pair that worked as I moved through my day.

How they actually work

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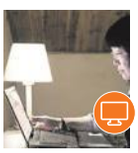

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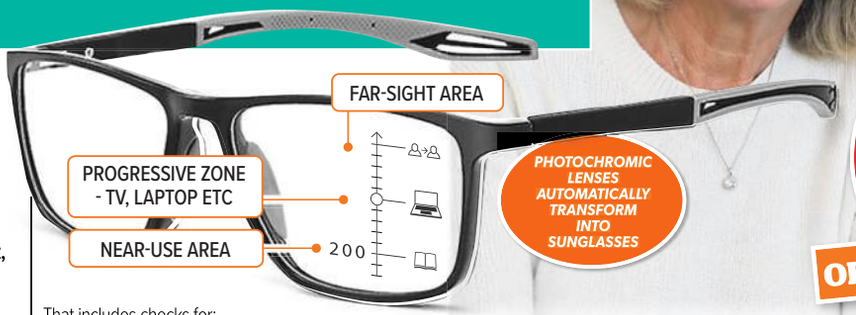

That includes checks for:

- ✓ **Optical accuracy** - so your vision is clear and reliable
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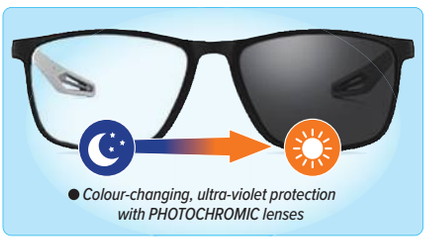

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Why people are talking about them

After a few weeks, I realised something: It's not about "features", it's about **removing small daily annoyances.**
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- Carrying multiple pairs
- Constantly taking glasses on and off
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Final thought

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Doting guy is no match for ex sex

Dear Deidre

THE man who loves me is kind and reliable, and sits in our lounge watching TV while I have incredible sex with my uncaring ex.

I'm trapped in a situation of my own making, and I have no idea how to sort it out.

I'm 25, and for the past two years, I have been with a really lovely guy a couple of years older. He adores me, and he recently moved into my place.

The problem is I know I don't love him the way he loves me. He's sweet, but he's never going to rock my world, or my bed.

Our sex life is now non-existent and our relationship feels like a comfortable routine.

So when I bumped into my ex, who is the same age as me, at the pub, my stomach flipped with excitement.

I used to be so in love with him but when we were together, he kept me at arm's length, going out with his mates every weekend without a word about where he'd been or who with.

When I finally met my current boyfriend, I told my ex I was moving on, desperately hoping that he would fight for me.

Instead, he just shrugged and said, "Fine by me, you do what you want."

Still he was really pleased to see me again and gave me a big hug.

We ended up at his place, and the chemistry was better than ever. We had wild sex that left me wanting more. Now, I am secretly sleeping with him even though he knows I have a boyfriend.

But I'm not stupid. I know my ex doesn't love me. He even tells me I should be single.

I'm hopelessly torn between security without passion, and passion without a future. What should I do?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Staying in a loveless, sexless relationship isn't fair to either of you so it would be best to end the arrangement.

At your age you are far too young to settle for second best, and dragging this out is unfair to a guy who seems to genuinely adore you.

However, having sex with your ex is not the answer either.

Thrilling chemistry is great, but he clearly has zero interest in giving you a real future or emotional commitment.

What you need right now is some quality time alone. Take a step back and discover how fulfilling life can be without relying on a man. Focus on your own interests, building new friendships, and discovering who you are on your own.

It will help you build confidence and improve your chances of happiness with someone new.

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Dear Deidre

I'M head-over-heels in love with my girlfriend, but our sex life is non-existent.

We have been together for six amazing months now.

I am 31 and she is 28, and stunningly good-looking. I fancy her so much, but we have never slept together.

My issues started 12 years ago when I lost my virginity to my first girlfriend.

She gave me an STI, leaving me with a serious sexual health scare and deep psychological scars. Now I suffer from overwhelming performance anxiety.

I can only perform if sex happens unexpectedly.

If sex feels planned or expected in any way, my mind panics, I freeze, and I simply can't perform.

My ex tried to be understanding at first, but ultimately lost patience and left. I am scared that history is about to repeat itself.

I love my girlfriend, but I am genuinely worried that this will drive a wedge between what we have.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Unless you open up about our past and explain why you are holding back, your girlfriend is going to assume she is the problem

Remind her how attractive and lovely you find her and reassure her that you are committed to sorting out this issue. Take intercourse completely off the table for now and focus on loving, pressure-free touch.

Once the expectation is removed, your anxiety may fade so sex happens naturally.

If not, sex therapy is the best option. My support pack, How Sex Therapy Helps, explains more.

HUBBY DID NOTHING AS I BLED

Dear Deidre

BLOOD was pouring from my hand, yet my husband stood there watching me grab a dishcloth to put over the cut, completely indifferent.

I'm 43, he's 41 and, after 18 years of marriage, much of it overshadowed by his depression, I thought we had finally turned a corner.

The last two years had been wonderful since he got his medication right, but everything shattered the moment a jagged tin lid sliced my hand open.

Instead of offering to take me to hospital, he refused because he didn't want to miss a team-building dinner with his new colleagues.

I had to drive 15 miles alone. The triage nurse was horrified I'd been left to drive there myself.

I understand making a good impression at work matters, but being abandoned in an emergency showed me where his priorities lie.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: What a painful ordeal to go through. I wonder if your husband simply didn't realise how bad your injury was.

Tell him how you feel and give him a chance to apologise. It may be he panicked over the work dinner and this clouded his judgment. If his uncaring reaction links to workplace stress or depression, check if his medication needs adjusting.

For expert advice contact mind.org.uk (0300 123 3393). My support pack Dealing With Depression will help you too.

stories

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hot topic

HAIR loss can be difficult to come to terms with.

Whether it happens gradually through thinning, a receding hairline, or more suddenly following stress or illness, losing your hair can leave you self-conscious and worried about your appearance.

If you're struggling to cope, my support pack Losing Your Hair? can help.

Dear Deidre

A LATE-night conversation about our pasts has completely floored me. I was caught off guard when my wife revealed she had a very brief fling with an old friend of mine. I am devastated.

I am 49 and my wife is 48. We have been together for 18 years and I believed that we had the perfect relationship. We are also bringing up our two lovely teenage boys.

Neither of us had a long list of exes, so I wasn't expecting any bombshell confessions from her.

But then she casually told me that, before we met, she'd had a brief fling with an old friend of mine.

To make matters worse, he is someone who is still in our social circle, someone I still see from time to time. Now, every single time I look at him, I have to stop myself from going over and asking him for the truth. It happened more than 20 years ago, yet it feels new to me. I am tormented by mental images of them together. It's constantly on my mind, but it is worse when my wife and I are having sex.

I'm really struggling to get over this. Why can't I let this go and move forward?

I would give anything to go back to a time when I didn't know about them.

How can I get a grip of these overwhelming feelings? I am consumed by a need to know every single detail about them.

CAN'T GET OVER WIFE'S OLD FLING

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Digging for details will only make this hurt more.

This was a brief fling long before your relationship even began.

Ask yourself if the real objection here is that they both shared a secret you were left out of for so long.

Instead of cross-examining her, you should open up to your wife about the emotional toll this is taking on you – but do resist the urge to ask her for specifics.

Just bringing this out into the open will put what happened so many years ago into proper perspective.

If you still can't shake the mental image, reach out to relate.org.uk (0300 100 1234) to help you process this.

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The page where you tell Britain what you think

WHAT a contrast between our new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham, and predecessor Sir Keir Starmer.

While Andy wants to be all things to all people, Sir Keir was aloof and detached.

If Burnham is like Harry Enfield's Tim Nice-But-Dim character, then Starmer is more Principal Skinner from The Simpsons.

ALAN OGDEN
West Yorks

MIGRANTS being given huge discounts on visits to tourist attractions is the last sraw for the hard-working taxpayers forking out for them.

Enough is enough, please.

MARION WHALLEY
Blackburn

SO, making false statements on tax returns could soon result in those people facing two years behind bars.

Oh please, don't make me laugh – the Government is already releasing violent criminals on to the streets.

SHEILA MARSHALL
Reading, Berks

ATTACKING our binmen is just so uncalled for.

These men do an often dirty and unpleasant job and deserve high praise for their daily efforts.

JEAN NORFOLK
Knottingley, West Yorks

Meg's taking us for mugs

£50 LETTER

IS director Guy Ritchie really that desperate for ratings that's he's willing to give out-of-work former actress Meghan Markle a TV role worth £1million?

Surely there are better actresses more deserving of a big break.

Meghan may have married into royalty but the title shouldn't automatically give her the right to think she deserves every role she is up for.

You should have to earn your way in life, rather than just have it handed to you on a plate.

SUZANNE McCREADY
Downpatrick, County Down

SHOULD Guy Ritchie cast Meghan Markle in The Gentlemen, he will certainly have lost me as a fan of his work.

It is already plenty bad enough that Meghan and her husband Prince Harry have decided to return to the UK, but now to have her up in lights on our TV screens would be simply unbearable.

PETE McDONALD
Broadstairs, Kent

I RECKON Meghan must be living in a dream world imagining herself the star of a Guy Ritchie Netflix action-comedy series when there must be many more talented actresses around than her.

She can't even act the part of a real-life Duchess of Sussex – even though her life has been one big drama.

SYLVIA MONK
Hayling Island, Hants

I HAVE enjoyed The Gentlemen but won't watch any more Meghan is in it. The damage she has done to our Royal Family over the years is beyond comprehension. When being a working royal didn't work out, she was off. Talk about a diva.

PETE LAMBELL
Daventry, Northants

OFFER . . . Meghan

HOW on earth can Meghan Markle come back to England and walk straight into a top acting job?

Our British actresses have worked so hard in their careers, surely it's unfair to them.

EDWARD CLARK
Bristol

IT is right and good that Meghan Markle is returning to acting – because she should earn her own living like anyone else.

SAMUEL FAROOQ
Tooting, South London

WHAT a tragedy to read about all the loved ones killed in the terrible crash on the A66.

Two cops died after their police car smashed into a vehicle driving the wrong way down the dual carriageway near Middlesbrough. The officers were killed alongside five "joyriders".

Whatever the rights and wrongs of how the accident happened, my thoughts are with those who died and their families.

KELVIN GLEN
Essex

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Teaser

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Toughie

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Word Square
ACROSS: 1 Pared 2 Opera 3 Salon 4 Trade 5 Styes
DOWN: 1 Posts 2 Apart 3 Relay 4 Erode 5 Danes

NumberCrunch
Easy: 16
Medium: 49
Harder: 68

Mini Jigsaw
MYRTLE, ARNICA, LOVAGE, NETTLE, SUNDEW, JOJOBA

Set Square

4	+	7	−	8
+	■	+	■	−
2	+	9	−	1
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Mini Fit
AWL, VIEW, NAVE

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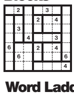

Word Ladder
SPOT, Soot, Moot, Most, Mast, Mask, MARK

Mind The Gap
Cloakroom, Carpentry, Substance, Indicator, Megahertz, Porcupine, Autopilot, KETCHUP

Quizword
ACROSS: 1 Disc brakes, 6 Diffuser, 12 Blair, 13 Tempura, 14 Epoxy, 15 The Hague, 16 The Citadel, 18 Whoopi, 20 Fleabag, 22 Anya, 25 Rap, 26 Reese, 27 Tetrarchy, 29 SAS, 30 Carpe diem, 31 Keele, 32 Sir, 34 Open, 36 Ferrell, 37 Indian, 40 Stenograph, 42 Carnegie, 45 Arnie, 46 Nirvana, 47 Kyoto, 49 Eurostar, 50 Dodecanese.
DOWN: 1 Dub, 2 Space Hopper, 3 Burma, 4 Arthur, 5 Emmy, 7 Isaac, 8 Fiesta, 9 Snowdon, 10 Royal Navy, 11 Hugh Gaitskell, 15 Tower, 17 Ellesmere Port, 19 Parker, 21 Anther, 23 Desire, 24 Cavern, 28 Casting vote, 30 Croustade, 33 Renee, 35 Eleanor, 38 Rovers, 39 Palate, 41 Rania, 43 Nokia, 44 Halo, 48 OBE.

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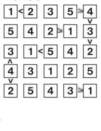

Spot The Saying
1. TIP OF THE ICEBERG
2. PALINDROME

Mini Code

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Clue Square
Taped, Cadet, Tepid, Adept, Paced, Panted, Copied, Opined, Coined, Coated, Painted, Noticed, Pointed, Canopied, CAPTIONED.

Brickwork
1 Roe 2 More 3 Romeo 4 Monroe 5 Moorhen 6 Hormones 7 Onshore 8 Sooner 9 Norse 10 Rose 11 Ore

Minidoku

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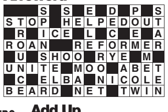

Add Up
91, 69, 85

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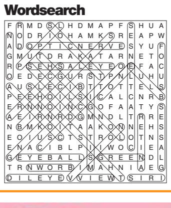

Pathfinder
WAREHOUSE, WINDMILL, STABLE, LODGE, BANK, SUPERMARKET, FACTORY, COTTAGE, FORT, ABBEY, HOSPITAL, THEATRE

Pub Quiz
1 L.A. Confidential
2 The Clash
3 Shelby
4 Carom billiards
5 Canada
6 Aluminium
7 Eugene Delacroix
8 António Guterres
9 [a] Trivial or of little value
10 Pembrokeshire
11 Sheep
12 1994

Two-Speed Crossword
ACROSS: 1 Spi-go-t, 5 D-ream-y, 8 Flea (flee), 9 Notarise, 10 Bus-in-es-s, 11 T-hin(t), 12 Scar-c-e, 15 S(h)aving, 17 Oral, 19 Re-son-ant, 22 B-lack-l-eg, 23 Ac-r-e, 24 Lap-d-og, 25 S-he-k-el.
DOWN: 2 P-i-lau, 3 Glacier(e), 4 Ton-ne(w), 5 De-tests, 6 Eg-ret, 7 Miss-i-on, 13 Cor-o-lla, 14 Earplug, 16 Vintage, 18 (F)lu-c-id, 20 Sighs (size), 21 Nurse.

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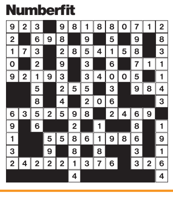

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Suguru

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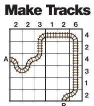

Missing Link
Cash, Nest, Beat, Vice, Eyes, Lump, Rose, Take, Soap, Bail
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ARIES March 21 – April 20
Turn your attention to work and routine matters and focus on the things you can get done. It's not worth wasting your time and energy on a love relationship not going well. You may feel disappointed about your personal life but, for now, the ball is in the other person's court. Put yourself first.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21
It's never easy if your workmates or playmates are on holiday and you're the one doing extra work. Thankfully, lovely Venus is gracing your work and routine zone so focus on positive working relations and ask for help if needed. Single? The stars are shining a light on your love life and it's your turn to be lucky.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21
You prefer to avoid money matters but you're wise to deal with any challenge head-on. This may relate to a financial issue with a child or friend. Keep things light and you're more likely to be heard. One person is a welcome distraction. You know a love affair is wrong but can you curb your flirtatious nature?

CANCER June 22 – July 22
If you're a typical Cancer, you often opt for a partner who's steady and stable. Today, you may feel frustrated if you believe your other half is holding you back and they seem boring and predictable. Rather than focus on the negatives, do what feels joyous – at home and with friends and family.

LEO July 23 – August 23
It's tempting to look for help elsewhere when you're undecided about your next steps. However, asking others for advice only brings conflicting ideas and opinions. Instead, sit down and work out a plan if you want to book a holiday or go on a course. You'll feel better when you have something to look forward to.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22
Be wary you don't drop yourself out today and put other people first. A lack of cash could see you prioritising the ones you love but double-check your motivation first. The Sun in your star sign Virgo is your cosmic cue to do more of what you love. The happier you are, the more good vibes reverberate around you.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23
Try not to take on other people's problems today and step back a bit. You're one of life's helpers but you can't always solve everything. Instead, turn your attention to yourself and ask what one thing would change your life for the better? It's a positive time to offer up a prayer to find work or improve your health.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22
Choose your company carefully today. Too much negative talk could have you feeling down-hearted. Instead, have more self belief and hold on to your confidence around a big move. Your stars are aligned at the end of the month. Single? Keep your feelings secret and new love has no chance to grow.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21
Deal with practicalities today and, if necessary, reach out for expert financial advice. Taking action is better than doing nothing if you've run out of options on solving a money crisis. See what's possible if a friend talks to you about a fun trip. Keep picturing good times and they are more likely to happen.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20
Responsibilities could weigh heavy as the week begins. Find a way to share the load equally and don't take everything on yourself. The Moon in your star sign is encouraging you to tune into your intuition and dream a better life. Keen to travel or study? One opportunity is waiting for you to say yes.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18
It's a slow start to the week so take your time especially if you're tired or under the weather. Put off anything major until tomorrow. Rest more and delegate your tasks or commitments. You know a partner's a keeper when they step in to deal with practicalities. Single? A Libra symbol on a necklace is your clue to love.

PISCES February 19 – March 20
A friend's advice about money is well-meaning but not necessarily correct. Older and wiser doesn't always mean successful. When it comes to love, an equal partnership adds up. The stronger you make team, the better your finances. Avoid fantasy, it might be time to remove the rose-tinted glasses.

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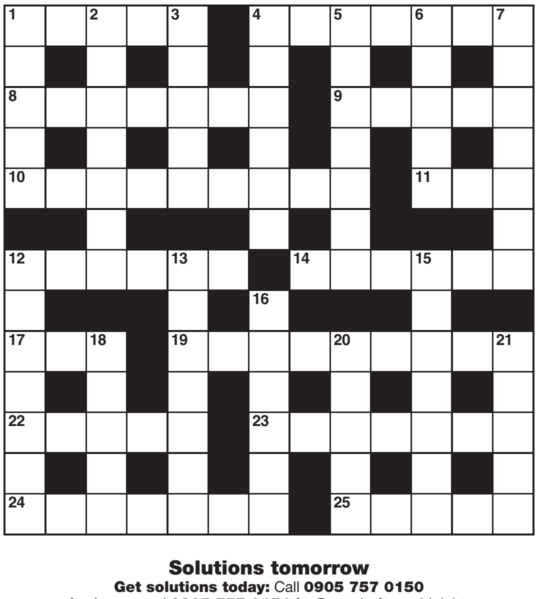
ACROSS

1 Want joint animal doctor? (5)
4 Unusual cat with hat perceptible by touch (7)
8 Becomes more communicative from free drink (5,2)
9 Respond as crate damaged (5)
10 Attractive swimmer in good position (5-4)
11 Australian and European I don't know turned back (3)
12 Turned up with timid people for rock (6)
14 Home Alone displaying part of shoe (6)
17 Brody primarily chasing Golden Globe (3)
19 Inn serves nuts in coastal city (9)
22 Immature individual in polar vault (5)
23 Do things with frozen water after temperature dropped (7)
24 Mean lad upset freedom fighter (7)
25 Symbolic number receiving fine (5)

DOWN

1 Idiot with hot fabric (5)
2 Met in a very confused state (7)
3 Irritable, examine yard (5)
4 Excellent piece of advice to start to prepare (6)
5 Continue broadcast relating to putrid flesh (5,2)
6 One wise man's picture (5)
7 Force out former partner over time – disrespectful (7)
12 Investigation about fifty million in difficulty (7)
13 Condition of Sri Lankan, perhaps, turning up in church (7)
15 Old boy likes manoeuvring monument (7)
16 Important writings from groups of alcoholics about underwear (6)
18 Nobleman working to support pub (5)
20 Renewal concerning motor racing trustee, primarily (5)
21 Small seabird is back (5)



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ACROSS

1 Crave (5)
4 Relating to sense of touch (7)
8 Accelerates (5,2)
9 Undergo chemical transformation (5)
10 All right (5-4)
11 Large flightless bird (3)
12 Frothy lava used for cleaning (6)
14 Material placed in a shoe for comfort (6)
17 Celestial body (3)
19 Cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands (9)
22 Insect prior to metamorphosis (5)
23 Be enough (7)
24 First post-apartheid president of South Africa (7)
25 Coin-like piece of plastic (5)

DOWN

1 Woven material (5)
2 South-east Asian country (7)
3 Showing touchiness (5)
4 Extreme highest point (6)
5 Behave unrestrainedly (5,2)
6 Representation of a person or a thing (5)
7 Expel through a small opening (7)
12 Something not easy to resolve (7)
13 Long-term prevalent weather conditions (7)
15 Dagger, in printing (7)
16 Sacred Zoroastrian writings (6)
18 Lowest rank in the British peerage (5)
20 Re-equip for further use (5)
21 Severe (5)

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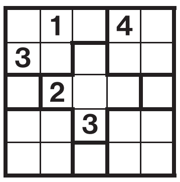

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6 & 8	At the 2026 Wimbledon Championships, this Czech player won the women's singles
7 & 12	Italian author of The Name Of The Rose and Foucault's Pendulum
10 & 11	Fred Astaire's long-term on-screen dance partner
13 & 9	She played Margaery Tyrell on Game Of Thrones
4 & 5	Former GP, now comedian, who works as Private Eye's medical columnist
3 & 1	Creator, writer and star of the HBO television series Girls
2	Ms Kiely, fashion designer

Yesterday: Footballer HARRY WINKS (Willie Nelson, Katharine Ross, Jimmy (Kimmel/Fallon), Alexander Selkirk, Russell Howard). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

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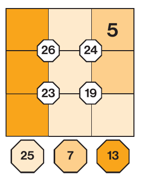

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YESTERDAY: Acme, ample, calm, came, camel, camp, claim, clam, clamp, climate, clime, email, emit, impact, impale, impel, impi, item, lame, lamp, lime, limit, limp, limpet, mace, mail, male, malic, malice, malt, maple, mate, meal, meat, melt, meta, metal, metical, mica, mice, mile, milt, mite, palm, tame, tamp, team, temp, time, IMPLICATE.

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Yesterday's solutions

Teaser

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Two-Speed Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Spi-go-t, 5 D-ream-y, 8 Flea (flee), 9 Notarise, 10 Bus-in-es-s, 11 T-hin(t), 12 Scar-c-e, 15 S(h)aving, 17 Oral, 19 Re-son-ant, 22 B-lack-l-eg, 23 Ac-r-e, 24 Lap-d-og, 25 S-he-k-el.

DOWN: 2 P-i-lau, 3 Glacier(e), 4 Ton-ne(w), 5 De-tests, 6 Eg-ret, 7 Miss-i-on, 13 Cor-o-lla, 14 Earplug, 16 Vintage, 18 (F)lu-c-id, 20 Sighs (size), 21 Nurse.

Today's solutions

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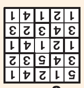

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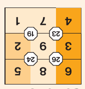

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Wynd picks up & blows Rory away

By HARRY TALBOT

WYNDHAM CLARK showed huge character to fend off Rory McIlroy to win the BMW Championship.

The American was five clear going into the final round but was caught when McIlroy *(right)* birdied the 12th.

And just when it looked like it would by McIlroy's day, the US Open champ birdied the final three holes to win by three from Patrick Cantlay.

McIlroy, who finished third on 13 under after a closing 69, said: "I'm not playing well enough to be disappointed I didn't win. I hit some good shots and a lot of good putts that didn't go in.

"Wyndham stepped up when he needed to. The birdie on 16 was huge and the way he played the last three holes showed character."

Clark claimed the FedEx Cup play-off event on 17 under — following a level-par 70.

He said: "It shows I'm one of the world's best. I've come into my own."

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ATHLETICS

DIAMOND LEAGUE (Silesia, Poland) - **Men, 100m:** 1 O Seville (Jam) 9.83secs. **110m Hurdles:** 1 J Tharp (USA) 13.05secs. **400m:** 1 B Kebinatshipi (Bot) 43.59secs. **400m Hurdles:** 1 A dos Santos (Bra) 46.43secs. **1500m:** 1 E Strand (USA) 3mins 30.77secs. **3000m Steeplechase:** 1 G Godana (Eth) 8mins 2.74secs. **Discus:** 1 M Alekna (Ltu) 72.58m.

Women, 100m: 1 M Jefferson-Wooden (USA) 10.78secs. **400m:** 1 M Paulino (Dom) 48.87secs. **1500m:** 1 T Duguma (Eth) 3mins 55.06secs. **5000m:** 1 N Battocletti (Ita) 14mins 54.09secs. **High Jump:** 1 Y Mahuchikh (Ukr) 2.00m. **Triple Jump:** 1 S Sarr (Sen) 15.08m.

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BWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (New Delhi, India) - **Men's Singles Final:** A Lanier (Fra) bt K Naraoka (Jpn) 2-0. **Women's Singles Final:** S.Y. An (Kor) bt A Yamaguchi (Jpn) 2-0. **Men's Doubles Final:** W K Liang & C Wang (Chn) bt A Chia & W Y Soh (Mal) 2-0. **Women's Doubles Final:** H N Baek & S H Lee (Kor) bt S S Liu & N Tan (Chn) 2-0. **Mixed Doubles Final:** T Gicquel & D Delrue (Fra) bt Y Z Feng & D P Huang (Chn) 2-1.

CRICKET

SECOND TEST

Sri Lanka v India

Colombo: India 300-5 (85 overs; D Padikkal 117; S Gill 50; A M Fernando 3-46).Sri Lanka.

SECOND TEST

Australia v Bangladesh

Mackay: Bangladesh 64 (34 overs; M A Starc 6-12) and 95 (38.3 overs; M A Starc 4-39); Australia 210 (52.3 overs; C D Green 67; M S Islam 7-48). **Australia win by an innings and 51 runs.**

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - DIVISION ONE

Hampshire v Yorkshire

The Rose Bowl: Yorkshire 173 (61.2 overs; K J Abbott 4-17) and 301 (98.1 overs; A Lyth 51). Hampshire 197 (88.0 overs; G C H Hill 5-29) and 238 (98.2 overs; T E Albert 57; D M Bess 5-103). **Yorkshire (19pts) beat Hampshire (3pts) by 39 runs.**

Leicestershire v Glamorgan

Leicester: Leicestershire 151 (62.5 overs) and 257 (74.2 overs; S S E Gumbs 93). Glamorgan 152 (53.1 overs; I G Holland 4-30) and 214 (86 overs; K S Carlson 99; I G Holland 5-19). **Leicestershire (19pts) beat Glamorgan (3pts) by 42 runs.**

Somerset v Essex

Taunton: Somerset 469 (127.5 overs; J F Thomas 110, H M Nicholls 96, J E K Rew 74no, T B Abell 65; S J Cook 4-92) and 103-2 (19.2 overs). Essex 158 (42.4 overs; M J J Critchley 50) and 412 (161.1 overs; C W J Allison 114, M J J Critchley 94, D Elgar 56; M J Leach 5-81). **Somerset (22pts) beat Essex (2pts) by 8 wickets.**

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Nott's	9	4	1	4	14	25	135
Somerset	9	4	2	3	18	27	133
Warwick's	9	3	1	5	15	27	130
Glamorgan	9	3	3	3	14	24	110
Sussex	9	4	3	2	19	21	108
Yorkshire	9	3	3	3	12	24	108
Essex	9	4	4	1	12	23	107
Surrey	9	1	3	5	18	20	94
Leic's	9	2	5	2	19	24	91
Durham	9	2	5	2	3	24	75

DIVISION TWO

Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 150 (59.5 overs; T W Boorman 60; B M J Allison 5-19) and 395-7dec. (114 overs; J R Bracey 127, O J Price 77). Worcestershire 267 (89.2 overs; B L D'Oliveira 83, R M Edavalath 63) and 281-2 (55.1 overs; D H Lategan 144, J D Libby 107no). **Worcestershire (20pts) beat Glouc's (3pts) by 8 wickets.**

Lancashire v Northamptonshire

Old Trafford: Northamptonshire 284 (89.2 overs; G A Bartlett 92; G P Balderson 4-70) and 298-4dec. (64 overs; R Vasconcelos 100, Saif Zaib 55no). Lancashire 137 (47.4 overs) and 129 (52.2 overs). **Northants (20pts) beat Lancashire (3pts) by 316 runs.**

Middlesex v Kent

Northwood: Kent 350 (91.3 overs; S A Northeast 87, Z Crawley 81; T S Roland-Jones 5-71) and 254 (68.4 overs; B G Compton 65, T Muyeye 64). Middlesex 249 (55.4 overs; M E Milnes 5-53, M R Quinn 4-52) and 309 (73.4 overs; J B Cracknell 65no). **Kent (22pts) beat Middlesex (3pts) by 46 runs.**

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Durham	9	6	0	3	24	25	169
Kent	9	5	1	3	17	23	139
Northants	9	4	2	3	22	25	135
Worcs	9	4	3	2	14	23	115
Middlesex	9	3	4	2	13	25	102
Derbyshire	9	3	5	1	21	25	102
Lancashire	9	2	5	2	10	26	84
Glouc's	9	1	8	0	6	21	41

CYCLING

VUELTA A ESPANA - Stage 2 (Monaco - Manosque, France, 214.3km)**:** 1 M Brennan (GB) Team Visma I Lease a Bike 4h 47m 47s, 2 P Miquel Delgado (Spa) Bahrain Victorious, 3 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates-XRG, 4 M Pedersen (Den) Lidl-Trek, 5 H Hofstetter (Fra) NSN Cycling Team all at same time. **Overall:** 1 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 4h 58m 40s, 2 W van Aert (Bel) Team Visma I Lease a Bike at 9s, 3 M Brennan (GB) Team Visma I Lease a Bike at 10.

RENEWI TOUR (Belgium) - **Stage 5** (183.7km)**:** 1 J Philipsen (Bel) Alpecin-Premier Tech 4h 6m 49s. **Final Overall:** 1 J Philipsen (Bel) Alpecin-Premier Tech 19h 28m 57s.

DEUTSCHLAND TOUR (Germany) - **Stage 4** (156.5km)**:** 1 P Magnier (Fra) Soudal Quick-Step 3h 37m 39s. **Final Overall:** 1 I del Toro (Mex) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 17h 39m 48s.

WOMEN'S TOUR OF BRITAIN - Stage 5 (Royal Leamington Spa - Royal Leamington Spa, 123.8km)**:** 1 L Wiebes (Hol) Team SD Worx-Protime 3hrs 2mins 29secs, 2 L Gillespie (Irl) UAE Team L'MAD, 3 C Consonni (Ita) CANYON//SRAM all at same time. **Final Overall:** 1 K Le Court (Mau) AG Insurance-Soudal Team 17hrs 02mins 04secs, 2 L Wiebes (Hol) Team SD Worx-Protime at 19secs, 3 L Lippert (Ger) Movistar Team at 24.

GOLF

NEXO CHAMPIONSHIP (Trump International Golf Links, Aberdeen)—**Final rd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated): **277** S Jamieson 70 71 69 67, **279** M Jordan 72 69 68 70, **281** A Sullivan 71 73 69 68, **282** K Nakajima (Jpn) 70 72 70 70, M Kinhult (Swe) 67 74 73 68, O Vidal (Spa) 71 71 73 67, **283** R Mansell 71 75 72 65, S Norris (Rsa) 72 69 66 76, F Zanotti (Pry) 74 71 69 69.

USPGA BMW CHAMPIONSHIP (Owings Mills, Maryland) - **Final rnd** (US unless stated): **263** W Clark 64 64 65 70, **266** P Cantlay 67 65 66 68, **267** R McIlroy (Nlrl) 64 69 65 69, **268** C Gotterup 64 67 68 69, C Morikawa 68 65 67 68, G Woodland 64 65 70 69.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

WARRINGTN (22) **34 HUDDSFIELD** (4) **24**

Warrington - Tries: Walker, Bentley, Powell, Williams, Lindop, Ashton. Goals: Hayes (5). Huddsfield - Tries: Halsall (2), Hewitt, Wrench, Gagai. Goals: Flanagan (2).

YORK (0) **16 LEEDS** (36) **66**

York - Tries: Wood, Bennison, Nofoaluma. Goals: Bennison (2).
Leeds - Tries: Lumb (3), Hankinson (2), Watkins, Oledzki, Miller, Lodge, Hall, Croft, Handley. Goals: Connor (5), Hankinson (3), Miller.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	24	19	0	5	850	362	38
Wigan	24	19	0	5	715	419	38
Warrington	24	18	0	6	666	412	36
Wakefield	24	16	0	8	637	448	32
Leigh	24	16	0	8	570	438	32
Hull K R	24	15	0	9	700	415	30
St Helens	24	14	0	10	584	520	28
Catalans	24	9	0	15	475	719	18
Toulouse	24	8	0	16	492	630	16
Castleford	24	8	0	16	420	752	16
Hull	24	7	0	17	426	525	14
York	24	7	0	17	470	731	14
Huddsfield	24	6	0	18	425	695	12
Bradford	24	6	0	18	402	767	12

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP - Barrow 42 Whitehaven 20, Dewsbury 26 Batley 48, Doncaster 24 Sheffield 18, Hunslet 28 Rochdale 18, London Br 58 Halifax 12, North Wales 6 Keighley 90, Oldham 36 Salford RLFC 28, Widnes 40 Workington 12.

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - Barrow 16 Leigh 8, Huddersfield 44 Featherstone 6, York Valkyrie 18 Leeds 14.

TENNIS

ATP & WTA CINCINNATI OPEN (Ohio) - **Men's Semi-finals:** F Tiafoe (USA) bt B Nakashima (USA) 2-0. **Women's Semi-finals:** C Gauff (USA) bt S Bejlek (Cze) 6-4 6-1; J Pegula (USA) bt I Swiatek (Pol) 7-5 4-6 6-4.

ATP WINSTON-SALEM OPEN (North Carolina) - **1st rd:** M Kecmanovic (Ser) bt S Shimabukuro (Jpn) 6-4 6-3; J Brooksby (USA) bt G Mpetshi Perricard (Fra) 6-3 6-2; F Comesana (Arg) bt Y Wu (Chn) 6-3 6-4.

TODAY'S SPORT

PREMIER LEAGUE

Fulham v Chelsea..... 8.0
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)

CRICKET

Second Test (day 2 of 5)**:** Sri Lanka v India (Colombo, 5.30am).

CYCLING

Vuelta a Espana - Stage 3 (Gruissan - Aude - Font Romeu, France 174 km).

SMASH HORROR . . . Max Verstappen ploughs into the wall

F1 MAX

OUT FOR A SPIN . . . bits of Verstappen's Red Bull car fly across the track after the home hero hits the wall on lap one and Bortoleto's Audi goes in to a 360 degree spin

Orange LANDO 'TITLE BID ON'

LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE . . . Norris salutes a win that keeps him dreaming of retaining his title

LANDO NORRIS roared "the fight is still on" after he won a thrilling Dutch Grand Prix to ignite hopes of a world title comeback.

From **ISABELLE BARKER** in ZANDVOORT

McLaren's defending champ showed he will not give up his crown without a scrap as he pipped the Mercedes favourites Kimi Antonelli and George Russell.

Yesterday's race, the last one at the Zandvoort track, also saw a huge crash for home favourite Max Verstappen on the first lap.

And Ferrari descended into chaos with Lewis Hamilton livid at his team and Charles Leclerc for "wasting time" as he came home fourth.

Russell became Mercedes' sacrificial lamb and was ordered to swap places with Antonelli, 19, late on as the Italian finished second ahead of the Brit in third. It means Antonelli is 59 points ahead of his team-mate and Hamilton in the standings, while Norris has moved up into fourth – 83 points back.

Verstappen was 104 points adrift of table-topper Oscar Piastri at this stage last year before embarking on an almighty comeback that saw Norris pip him to the title by just two points.

Brit Norris, who has now bagged back-to-back wins after Budapest glory last time out, said: "Let's keep pushing! It's not easy.

"Let's keep bringing upgrades. Let's keep bringing performance. The fight is still on. Let's keep going."

Pole-sitter Norris, 26, enjoyed a brilliant start while Antonelli leapt past Russell.

The first lap had not even finished when Verstappen lost control of his Red Bull and smashed into the wall on the final turn, after an earlier rain shower.

Bits of car flew on to the track but the Dutchman walked away unhurt as the red flag came out.

Audi's Gabriel Bortoleto also spun 360 degrees at the same turn but somehow managed to carry on.

The drivers were allowed to change their tyres under red-flag conditions.

And, after one aborted restart, Antonelli overtook Norris while Piastri zipped past Russell when racing resumed.

After a string of pitstops, the pack reshuffled and Norris closed on Antonelli.

Meanwhile, Hamilton was demanding his team let him

DUTCH GRAND PRIX RESULT
72 laps, 190.5 miles

NEXT RACE
Italy, Sep 6

1	Lando Norris	25pts
2	Kimi Antonelli	18pts
3	George Russell	15pts

4	Lewis Hamilton (GB)	12pts
5	Charles Leclerc (MON)	10pts
6	Oscar Piastri (AUS)	8pts
7	Liam Lawson (NZ)	6pts
8	Nico Hulkenberg (GER)	4pts
9	Fernando Alonso (SPA)	2pts
10	Pierre Gasly (FRA)	1pt

IN CRASH KO

IN NEED OF A LIFT . . . the Red Bull is lifted off track

boom!

AFTER DUTCH DRAMA

past Leclerc, snapping "We're just losing time!" as Ferrari dilly-dallied with their strategy.

Arguably, if Hamilton, who was the fastest Ferrari at the time, had not been stuck behind his team-mate for three laps, he could have bagged a podium spot.

Afterwards he moaned: "Today, I lost several seconds behind Charles which I think ultimately would have made the difference."

Norris came into the pits on lap 48 and was flying on his new hard tyres.

He set a new fastest lap four laps later – a staggering 1.5sec quicker than Antonelli's time.

Norris was now all over Antonelli and overtook his rival before dispatching Hamilton, who was struggling on much older tyres.

A virtual safety car handed Antonelli, Hamilton and Leclerc a cheap pitstop before Russell was ordered to swap places with Antonelli to dent his own championship hopes.

The Mercedes driver argued that the team could lose a double podium with Ferrari on the charge.

But another late VSC gave Russell breathing space to secure the final podium spot ahead of Hamilton.

Brit Hamilton contrasted Merc's decisive call with his own team's.

He said: "They're fighting for the championship, in the lead, and they made the decision straight away.

"And here, I'm sitting back, losing seconds. It's something we need to discuss offline."

Norris finished ten seconds clear of the pack.

Fernando Alonso went from 18th to finish ninth for his best result by far.

UNHARMED . . . but Max Verstappen's race is over

OTHER FINISHERS:
11 Yuki Tsunoda (**JPN**) Racing Bulls, **12** Arvid Lindblad (**GB**) Williams, **13** Gabriel Bortoleto (**BRZ**) Audi, **14** Franco Colapinto (**ARG**) Alpine, **15** Sergio Perez (**MEX**) Cadillac, **16** Carlos Sainz (**SPA**) Williams

DID NOT FINISH:
Alex Albon (**THA**) Williams, Valtteri Bottas (**FIN**) Cadillac, Esteban Ocon (**FRA**) Haas, Lance Stroll (**CAN**) Aston Martin, Oliver Bearman (**GB**) Haas, Max Verstappen (**HOL**) Red Bull

DRIVER STANDINGS

1	Kimi Antonelli	242
2	GEORGE RUSSELL	183
3	LEWIS HAMILTON	183
4	LANDO NORRIS	159
5	Charles Leclerc	155
6	Max Verstappen	112
7	Oscar Piastri	104
8	Isack Hadjar	68
9	Liam Lawson	49
10	Pierre Gasly	44

POLICE QUIZ . . . England star Brydon Carse

CARSE CUFFED BY COPS AT CITY BAR

ENGLISH cricket faces another scandal after Brydon Carse was handcuffed by police outside a bar.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

The incident is hugely embarrassing for the ECB, which has launched a probe, and follows months of drinking stories.

It is less than two weeks after Test captain Joe Root scrapped the midnight curfew, telling players to be "really good role models and human beings".

Carse is in England's squad for the Second Test with Pakistan at Lord's on Thursday and due to report today.

In a video on social media, Carse can be seen in handcuffs and surrounded by four police officers. He was later released without charge.

Carse, 31, and the Durham players were celebrating a County Championship victory over Derbyshire and team-mate Ben Stokes is in the background of the video. There is no suggestion Stokes did anything wrong.

Matthew Potts, another England player, is seen trying to talk to Carse.

An ECB spokesperson said: "We are aware of an incident in Derby and are currently investigating."

Last winter, Harry Brook was thumped by a bouncer the night before an ODI in New Zealand.

Batsman Ben Duckett was filmed apparently drunk and disorientated on England's mid-Ashes trip to Noosa.

Then Stokes and Gus Atkinson missed a Test this summer for a curfew-breaking trip to a nightclub.

Cricketer in cuffs — Page 14

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Wurst medal design

SYDNEY MARATHON medals have gone viral — thanks to a major blunder.

The 40,000 gongs for Sunday's event have Sydney's landmarks like the Harbour Bridge and Opera House etched on them.

But instead of the Aussie city's Allianz Stadium the design features the Allianz ARENA *(ringed)* — home of German giants Bayern Munich.

Organisers dubbed the error "unfortunate".

Ed's fight for UK on ropes

EXCLUSIVE by JACK FIGG

EDDIE HEARN admits his fight to keep Anthony Joshua vs Tyson Fury in the UK could be OVER — after sending over terms to change the contract to a US bout.

AJ's initial deal stated the Battle of Britain **HAD** to be kept here – but organisers including Netflix prefer a Stateside clash to cash in on American audiences.

Promoter Hearn has pleaded it stays here but in the last "couple of days" has reluctantly sent over contract revisions which would allow the fight to move to America.

Hearn said: "We sent the addendum. We had a phone call saying a response is incoming. But as we sit here, nothing yet.

"I'm sure they'll come back with comments – and hopefully we can move forward.

"But we don't really want to move forward with an American fight. Now, will we? Maybe. But we'd rather not.

"If they can accept what we put forward, and they really want to do it in the US, we're going to have that conversation."

Both heavyweights AJ, 36, and Fury, 38, have had warm-ups and Hearn *(left)* is ready to go.

He said: "I'm kind of hoping that because of the silence, these guys just come back and say we're doing it in the UK.

"In which case, we can do the press conference virtually immediately, because we're all in."

MAGIC MATT

MATTHEW BRENNAN claimed the biggest victory of his career by winning stage two of the Vuelta a Espana.

The Brit, 21, is making his Grand Tour debut and left rivals chasing shadows with a dominant sprint finish that beat big names like Tadej Pogacar to the line.

Team Visma's Brennan said: "I was always going to be in the background to do the sprint in case the guys out front sat up and that's exactly what happened. Hopefully it's not the last one, it's nice."

Tour de France winner Pogacar, 27, keeps the red leader's jersey heading into stage three.

Williams lifts weary Wolves

By GARY CARTER

GEORGE WILLIAMS was the inspiration for weary Warrington with another classy show against Huddersfield.

The England captain was at the heart of his side's best work as a 12-minute four-try burst sealed a 34-24 win over stubborn Giants.

Williams *(right)* touched down himself after his kick helped to create a score for Sam Powell.

And he had a key role in Matty Ashton's clincher just when Huddersfield sensed a comeback.

Warrington boss Sam Burgess resisted wholesale changes for their fourth match in 15 days.

And he beamed: "George wanted to play.

"When you're coach, you care for them and want them to be safe, but George did everything he could. Mission No1 was getting the win."

Danny Walker, James Bentley and Arron Lindop got Warrington's other tries to leave them two points behind Super League's top two.

Two tries for Sam Halsall and one apiece for Sam Hewitt, Connor Wrench and Jacob Gagai could not prevent an end to Huddersfield's four-match winning streak.

Riley Lumb grabbed a hat-trick and Aussie prop Matt Lodge scored on his debut as **LEEDS** went back to the top by thrashing **YORK** 66-16.

Chris Hankinson bagged a 16-point haul – which included one of Rhinos' 12 tries.

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FULHAM v

BLUE RINSE

Bruce: Veterans Jor & Danny are Terry good

GOLDEN oldies Jordan Henderson and Danny Welbeck will do what Chelsea legend John Terry did and galvanise Blues' young guns.

By **ROB STEWART**

EXCLUSIVE

That is the verdict of Prem legend Steve Bruce who managed both the dynamic duo during their Sunderland days – and Terry at Aston Villa.

As far as former Manchester United skipper Bruce is concerned, there is simply no substitute for experience.

Blues boss Xabi Alonso signed midfielder Henderson, 36, and striker Welbeck, 35, from Brentford and Brighton respectively this summer.

Bruce saw first hand the benefits of having a wise old head after luring centre-back Terry to Villa on a free in the twilight of his career in 2017.

The former England skipper was 36 and able to provide vital know-how to the then Championship side to get the club moving in the right direction again.

Bruce said: "The prospect of Chelsea getting Jordan and Danny at their age was deemed daft by some but for me they're the smartest of signings.

"It's a bold move but also a very, very shrewd move by Xabi Alonso to bring in two relatively old heads.

"And I wasn't surprised at all that they've been snapped up because I brought in John Terry to do exactly the same thing – bring leadership to a young group at Villa.

"This is Alonso stamping his mark on the club because young players often need the voice of experience beside them. It's clear Chelsea have recognised the merits of a better blend which bodes well for them."

And after being handed the captaincy by Bruce, JT galvanised Villa and ended up playing 36 games, finishing with a heartbreaking play-off final defeat by Fulham, Chelsea's opponents in their Prem opener tonight.

Bruce explained: "As well as defensive qualities, I wanted John to influence the players in terms of how to train and what you needed to do to reach the top and stay there.

"And I have to say JT was inspiring – he set standards and was a real breath of fresh air as a role model, and the younger players relished following his example. Villa were still fighting back after being relegated and there was lots of doom and gloom.

"It needed someone like JT to show the players the way forward and lead by example on and off the field.

"He brought drive to the dressing room and that's invaluable to managers.

"In a similar way, Chelsea's dressing room will look up to Jordan and Danny for what they've achieved and the type of pros they are and that will pay dividends.

"It's a real statement of intent and a priority is clearly to bring stability to his dressing room.

"And there's no better way to do it than to bring in two of the English game's finest elder statesmen, so to speak.

"All the young players at Chelsea will look up to these two in admiration and learn vital lessons and they'll create a feeling of togetherness.

"They have thought the average age of the squad is too much on the young side and Danny and Jordan will redress the balance with experience.

"They've gone out and signed two seasoned Premier League campaigners who will lead from the front. They won't play 50 games but they look after themselves, and if they get 25 to 30 games under their belt they'll have done their jobs."

Bruce worked with the pair fairly on in their careers.

Henderson was coming through the ranks at Sunderland and Bruce's United connections got rising star Welbeck to Wearside on loan for the 2010-11 campaign.

And they combined to fabulous effect at Stamford Bridge as Sunderland chief Bruce masterminded a stunning 3-0 win on November 14, 2010.

Henderson caught the eye with a vital assist while striker Welbeck sealed victory late on.

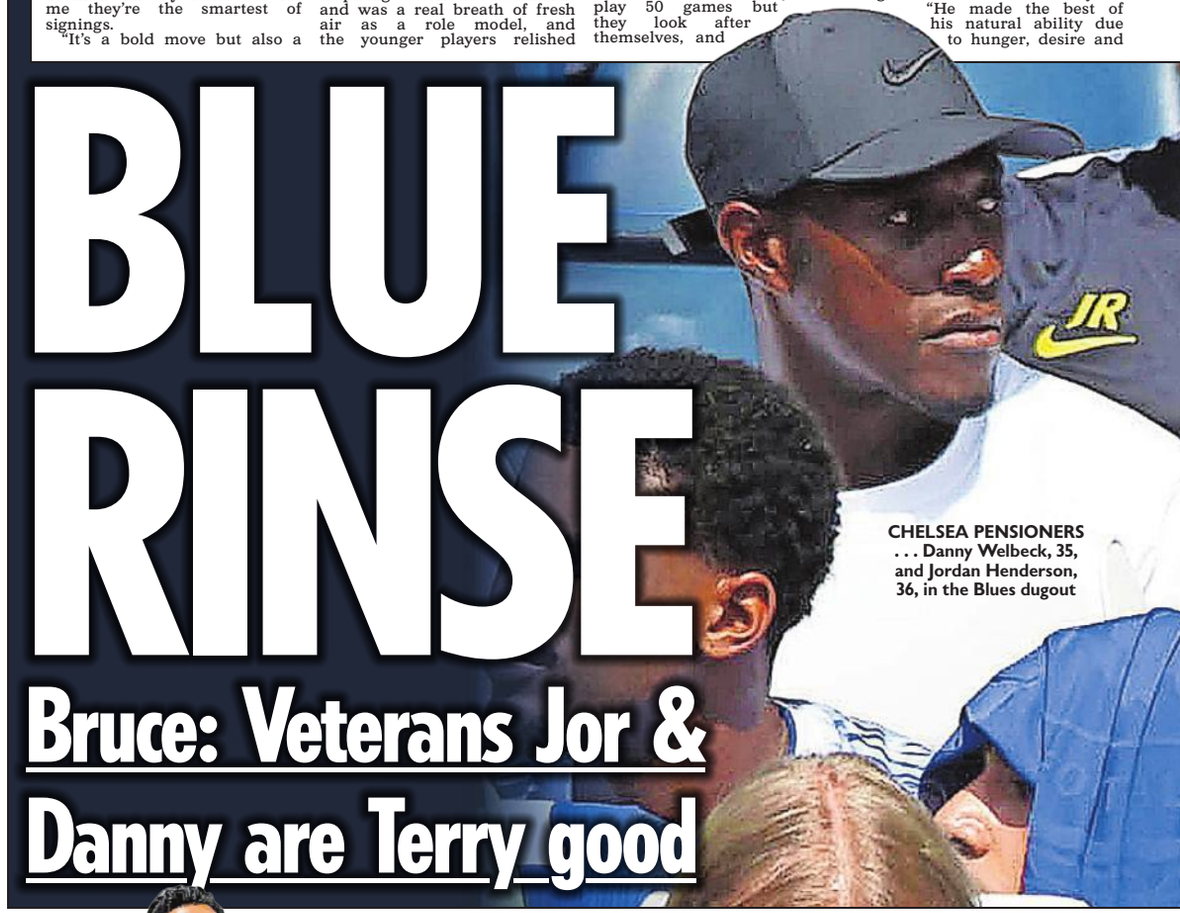
Bruce added: "The reason Jordan got into the first team was based on his leadership qualities, even as a youngster.

"Even though he was just 18, he helped the more experienced players work their way through the challenges of pre-season.

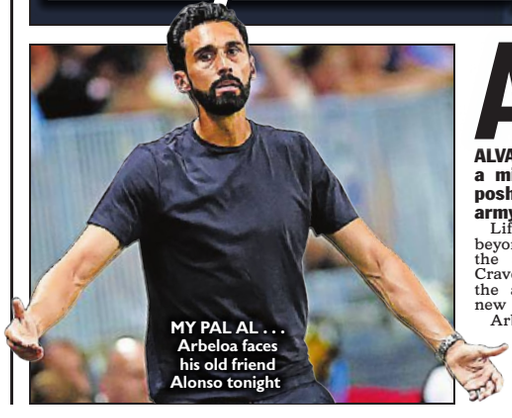
"That ability to lead by example got him in the team and kept him in the team and earned him a move to Liverpool where he won the lot.

"It's one thing being driven and being a good pro, you've also got to have technical ability and he's shown he's got it in abundance time and time again for club and country.

"He made the best of his natural ability due to hunger, desire and



CHELSEA PENSIONERS . . . Danny Welbeck, 35, and Jordan Henderson, 36, in the Blues dugout



MY PAL AL . . . Arbeloa faces his old friend Alonso tonight

ARBE GOES FUL

By ANDREW DILLON

ALVARO ARBELOA is on a mission to transform posh Fulham into an army of Spartans.

Life is about to change beyond all recognition for the chinless wonders at Craven Cottage following the appointment of their new manager.

Arbeloa has pinned the motto 'No retreat. No surrender. That is Spartan law' to his Instagram to underline his uncompromising approach. And the Spaniard, inspired by this summer's hit epic movie 'The Odyssey', said: "I'm a Spartan. You might not know it but I'm a Spartan.

"Attitude in football is the most important thing.

"It's not your circumstances, it is about how you face what happens. That's what I want from my players and my team.

"We can be friendly and nice but we will be fighters and fight every day for 90 minutes – and after 90 minutes, only then will we be nice."

The ancient Greek city of Sparta was famous for its brutal military training, total devotion to war and shunning luxury.

Fulham's Craven Cottage ground, meanwhile, boasts the brand new Riverside Stand with a Michelin-starred brasserie that serves butterflied sea bass – there is also a health

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commitment to better himself. And there's still that determination to succeed which was there for all to see when he was a teenager.

"His potential was vast and over the years at Liverpool, Jordan proved to be a hell of a signing by Kenny Dalglish.

"You can't deny anyone the chance to move to a club of Liverpool's stature and he grabbed the opportunity with both hands and became a mainstay of the side.

"To keep himself in such good nick for so long is down to his desire, which is born in you, and his commitment to his profession."

Bruce tried to bring in Welbeck when he was Hull boss but he joined Arsenal in 2014.

He said: "I always felt that Manchester United got rid of Danny too quickly.

"He's got the lot as a forward, two good feet, clever movement, good finishing ability, and what's key is he seems to be getting better with age.

"He scored 13 Prem goals last season in a good Brighton side and if he stays fit he'll have a very positive impact.

"Danny's had a wonderful career and now, like Jordan he's got the chance to end it on another high."

OLD ON, LADS . . . Bruce after signing John Terry for Villa in 2017

METAL JACKET

spa and chess club. As a player, Arbeloa, 43, won the Champions League twice with Real Madrid, plus two Euros and a World Cup with Spain, so he knows a thing or two about slugging it out.

The ex-defender added: "Ever since I was a kid, I've been competitive and wanted to win everything.

"I have the mindset that we need to fight and show a winning mentality. That's what I want as a manager." Getting pumped up for battle even extends to his best mates and hothead Arbeloa once had a bust up with close pal and now rival Prem boss Xabi Alonso when they were at Madrid together.

He said: "It's normal. It wasn't just with Xabi.

"You want to win and sometimes with teammates, you have some argument, but it's normal."

The two pals wore the same colour shirts at Liverpool, Madrid and for their homeland. Tonight they will be just feet apart but dead set against each other with Alonso making his managerial debut in the Prem with neighbours Chelsea.

Arbeloa continued: "We are both going to live in the same town, our children will go to the same school, so we'll be close.

"As Chelsea and Fulham managers, I'll do my job, he'll do his – I want to beat him more than anything and he will feel the same."

By GRAHAM HILL

Morr rage at Bo 'cheat' rap

WEST BROM manager James Morrison has blasted the FA for accusing striker Aune Heggebo of cheating.

Norwegian Heggebo was given a controversial two-match ban last week after replays showed he had handballed Albion's first goal at Norwich on the opening day of the season.

It meant he missed yesterday's 3-1 win over Burnley and cannot play against Newcastle in the Carabao Cup on Wednesday.

But Morrison revealed that Heggebo, 25, pushed for the decision to be overturned – as the charge of misconduct said he was guilty of a "successful deception of a match official".

The Baggies chief said: "I was shocked and it was really frustrating. We've not seen this before. Bo was disappointed, so we had to back him. He wanted to appeal and pushed for it.

"He was deemed to have cheated the referee and he didn't. Bo's not that person. It's testament to his personality and who he is.

"We appealed this for him because of his integrity. He's honest.

"Yes, the ball hit his hand but with the pace of the cross and the keeper touching it, it was hard to get out of the way.

"It was up to the referee and linesman there to make the call. But it was something we had to accept quickly."

Morrison agreed it could open the door to similar bans but added: "Let's hope they're consistent with it. With that, we can all accept it."

He expects the FA to respond this week to Albion officials asking about the ban.

Morrison added: "It was a bit of a whirlwind.

"But we've been around long enough to know that these things don't get overturned."

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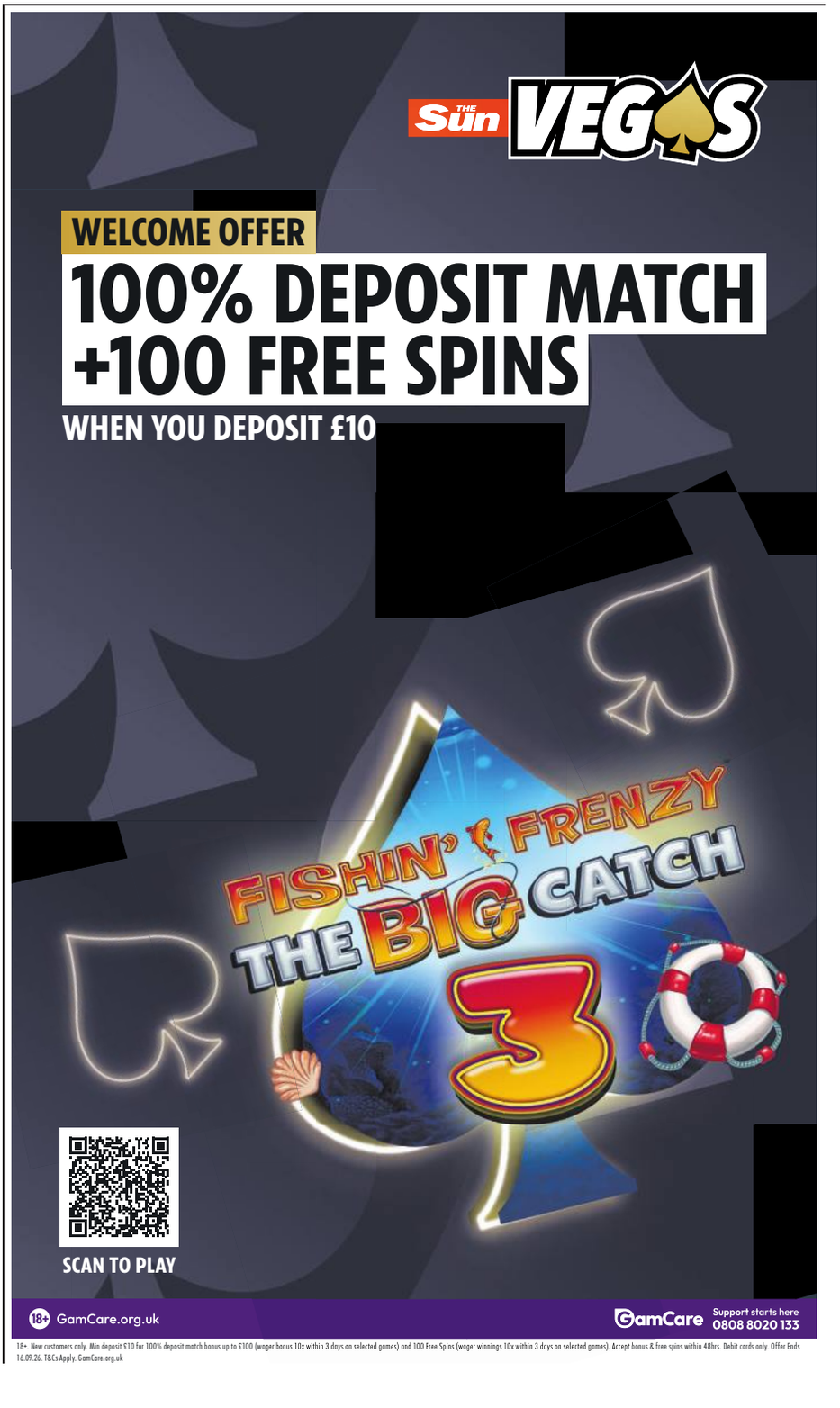
BAN APPEAL . . . Morrison



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CARRICK . . . snapped

Passion jibe has Carrick Fjor-ious

By JOSHUA JONES

MICHAEL CARRICK snapped after his Manchester United flops were accused of lacking "passion".

The Red Devils boss suffered an embarrassing Prem start as his side lost 2-0 against newly-promoted Hull.

But fuming Carrick rejected criticism of his players by former Norway striker Jan Aage Fjortoft.

Viaplay broadcaster Fjortoft asked: "I guess in management there are so many buzzwords hanging around like passion, intensity. But would you accept that there was a lack of passion in the first half?"

Carrick said: "Oh, come on, that's ridiculous."

The United boss then stared at Fjortoft.

After a few awkward moments, Fjortoft replied: "That's not how you will assess it?"

Carrick bristled: "You played football, you understand. That's a ridiculous thing to say.

"Just because you get beaten, it doesn't mean you don't care about it."

Defender Luke Shaw has promised United will bounce back from their "smack in the face".

Centre-backs Semi Ajayi and Nobel Mendy scored from first-half set-pieces.

Carrick's side were a far cry from the team that came third last term but Shaw is convinced it will be forgotten by the end of the season.

Shaw, 31, said: "It will be a very good season from us, I'm sure of it. We will be up there.

"This is a little blip. But one game won't define us. We'll regroup."

Meanwhile, Brighton midfielder Carlos Baleba passed a United medical last night ahead of his £70million move. He is set to join on a five-year deal.

United are also keen on Newcastle left-back Lewis Hall, 21, but the Toon are not prepared to sell.

Red Devils legend and pundit Peter Schmeichel asked new Magpies boss Matthias Jaissle about the possibility of Hall moving following yesterday's 2-2 draw with Liverpool.

Jaissle replied: "No chance, no chance."

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PREMIER LEAGUE

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Who needs Guardiola when you've Gvardiol!

LATE WINNER JOSK WHAT MARESCA

THEY may not have Guardiola any more — but Manchester City at least still have Gvardiol.

And as their Croat defender stole victory at the death, Enzo Maresca had the chance to draw breath.

Josko Gvardiol's vital finish — courtesy of the first major VAR decision of the season — was not vindication for Maresca's big calls.

The new City boss got away with one . . . big time.

Marc Guehi was bizarrely asked to play as the midfield screen in a starting XI that included **SIX** defenders.

And until the centre-back made up for his and Erling Haaland's glaring earlier misses by equalising, Maresca was staring at an early-season crisis.

Indeed, with six minutes to go,

By MARTIN LIPTON
CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Maresca appeared a man who had walked into a deeper pool than he had ever imagined.

Hot on the heels of the Community Shield embarrassment, City seemed a side questioning their new direction.

Some self-inflicted blunders, poor selections and a tactical set-up that left many City fans shaking their heads left them facing up to a first-ever opening-day home Prem defeat.

And it risked ending an amazing unbeaten run in home top-flight openers stretching back 55 years.

Bournemouth, in front through Marcus Tavernier and well drilled, were that close to a first win at City.

Yet having got it all wrong from the start, with Guehi unconvincing in his new role, Rico Lewis having one to forget and Phil Foden hauled off, it all came up trumps for the Italian.

Guehi had somehow headed wide of a gaping target from a couple of yards at the start of the second half.

Haaland, who had always previously netted on the opening weekend, was misfiring in front of goal, too.

But the arrival of Rayan Cherki — making a clear statement when he was belatedly sent on — sparked the stunning turnaround.

With time running out, it was Cherki's inswinger from the right that found Guehi for a header that took a touch off Adrien Truffert on its way into the net. And into added time, Cherki teased through, for Gvardiol to roll into the bottom corner.

While the flag went up, it needed just one replay to signal the inevitable overturned decision — James Hill clearly playing the Croat onside before he beat Djordje Petrovic.

Yet while salvation came in those last few minutes, what had preceded it suggested the burden of replacing a legend like Pep Guardiola may be tough for Maresca.

Just as it proved for David Moyes at United and Unai Emery at Arsenal.

For now, the heat will subside. Three points, in any circumstances, tends to have that effect.

Maresca will have his new recruits, too, although expecting £85million Ayyoub Bouaddi, at 18, to replicate

84 CITY trailed in the 84th minute — the latest they have been behind at home in a Prem win since v QPR on the final day in 2012.

HAIR RAISING
HAALAND ON PREM OPENING WEEKEND

Date	Opponents	Mins played	Goals
Aug 7, 2022	West Ham	78	2
Aug 11, 2023	Burnley	80	2
Aug 18, 2024	Chelsea	90	1
Aug 16, 2025	Wolves	73	2
Aug 23, 2026	Bournemouth	90	0

68 MARCUS TAVERNIER has hit 68 per cent of his Prem goals away from home — the fourth highest rate of all players with 15+ goals.

2 BOURNEMOUTH 1

TAVERNIER 26

JOS TOPS WITH BOSS . . . Gvardiol drills in winner to delight Maresca (inset)

SPECIAL . . . fans unfurl giant tifo for Maresca before kick-off

TAV THAT! . . . Tavernier gives Cherries shock lead

ON THE MARC . . . Guehi heads City level after 84 minutes

LATE DRAMA . . . the VAR overturned Gvardiol offside call

MATCH STATS

MAN CITY		BOURNEMOUTH
13	SHOTS	5
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
66%	POSSESSION	34%
641	PASSES	333
569	COMPLETED PASSES	263
37	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	6
8	CORNERS	3
11	FOULS CONCEDED	11
1/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	2/0
	MATCH TIME: 97m 17s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 60m 13s	

NEEDED AFTER TACTICAL BLUNDERS

pass master Rodri's sense of control at the rudder is a big ask.

The Italian, of course, knows he can trust Haaland – sporting a new buzzcut *(right)* yesterday – to come good though.

Even if the Norwegian did an impression of Samson after Delilah lopped off his flowing locks in this City opener.

It was a shock when Haaland – with the goal at his mercy from Nico O'Reilly's terrific cross – got it all wrong and let the ball bounce off his rib cage.

Likewise, two wasted chances after the break, spooning one over the top and then scuffing a shot when Guehi pulled back, were signals he is still feeling his way back after his World Cup exertions.

That could have been so costly as Bournemouth impressed under new boss Marco Rose, who stuck with Andoni Iraola's set-up.

And their rope-a-dope strategy almost worked perfectly.

Even after Gianluigi Donnarumma pawed Rayan's strike behind, it was a warning they failed to heed.

When Abdukodir Khusanov barged into Evanilson, rather than dealing with Adam Smith's ball from right-back in the 26th minute, the ball to fell to Rayan.

Evanilson, sensing the uncertainty, drifted right to receive and slid a ball across. And Tavernier had time – so much time, with Lewis horribly out of position – to slam home.

Haaland did force Petrovic to tip over but with Lewis miles off the pace again, it needed Donnarumma's huge frame to deny Justin Kluivert's strike before the interval.

The second half was more about Bournemouth defending, yet City remained blunt.

Guehi simply had to score when Petrovic lost his footing from Foden's corner – but he missed.

Cherki's arrival for O'Reilly was the catalyst, although not before Antoine Semenyo's low strike was kept out by Petrovic and those Haaland misses.

Two assists for the Frenchman made all the difference, handing the Cherries a first league defeat since Semenyo left for City in January.

Maresca will hope that the new recruits mean his side will get better, too, when they fully understand what is expected of them.

But he cannot keep putting square pegs in round holes and anticipate things all working out. Not in the Premier League.

HOW THEY LINED UP

MANCHESTER CITY: Donnarumma, Khusanov, Dias, Guehi, Gvardiol, Anderson (Kovacic 63), Lewis (Nunes 57), O'Reilly (Cherki 63), Foden (Grealish 82), Semenyo, Haaland.

BOURNEMOUTH: Petrovic, Truffert, Cook (Adams 75), Hill, Scott, Evanilson (Jebbison 75), Silva, Smith, Tavernier, Kluivert (Toth 75), Rayan (Gannon-Doak 89).

12 RAYAN CHERKI has registered 12 Premier League assists from open play since the start of last season — the most of any player.

NEXT GAMES

FRI 8PM — Premier League — Crystal Palace (away)

SAT 3PM — Premier League — Everton (home)

BOUADDI . . . top teen

MARC

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there for the next game — we need a different solution.

"I know Marc from Crystal Palace and I always thought he could be a good midfielder. Sometimes you visualise things you need to try."

Maresca, who started England defender Guehi ahead of Croatia midfielder Mateo Kovacic, said he planned to "see the board" — unaware that City were on the verge of landing Bouaddi.

The 18-year-old, who starred for Morocco at the World Cup, is set to become the Prem's most expensive teenager, beating the £59m deal United agreed with Lille for Leny Yoro in 2024.

Having brought in Nottingham Forest's Elliot Anderson for £116m, City want Chelsea's Enzo Fernandez with Adam Wharton of Crystal Palace and Roma's Manu Kone also on their wishlist.

Maresca also picked full-back Nico O'Reilly in an attacking midfield role.

The Italian added: "At the moment I don't have a best eleven but day by day I can see more clearly."

Marcus Tavernier's opener for Bournemouth was cancelled out by Guehi before Josko Gvardiol's injury-time winner.

> At the moment I don't have a best eleven
> – ENZO MARESCA

Erling Haaland chopped off his trademark long locks before the game and drew a blank on opening day for the first time in his Premier League career.

But City got over the line thanks to sub Rayan Cherki. Maresca revealed Cherki was "not happy" at being benched — before making an "unbelievable impact" with two assists in the thrilling climax.

So a day which started with a tifo welcoming Maresca ended with him blowing kisses to his family after Gvardiol's winner.

Maresca added: "It was the perfect day. I was very emotional. I was happy at the end to walk away with three points."

City forward Omar Marmoush was on the bench ahead of a potential move to Spurs.

Jack Grealish, on for the final eight minutes, was serenaded by fans in what could have been his final match for the club, with a return to Everton looming.

Maresca said: "He is here and it is my duty to try to get the best from him. The window is open for one more week and we will see what happens."

WATKINS . . . unavailable

WAT

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can respond. It is not my responsibility. Only his answer can explain. I can't.

"I can answer about Emiliano Buendia, Ross Barkley, John McGinn.

"But we have had this problem every season and we overcame it.

"It is something we have to accept and we have always reacted."

Before kick-off, Emery replied "silence" when asked if Watkins had played his last game for the club.

Watkins' absence was coupled with injuries to Tammy Abraham and Brian Madjo, meaning Emery was forced to play without a recognised striker against Brighton.

The Seagulls were 4-0 up within 31 minutes after Victor Lindelof's own goal, a Maxim De Cuyper effort and Jack Hinshelwood pair.

Keeper Emiliano Martinez was also absent from Villa's squad as he edges closer to a move.

Emery has lost Morgan Rogers, Ezri Konsa and Youri Tielemans from his Europa League winners.

And new £34million buy Joao Gomes is now banned for the home game against Arsenal next Monday after he picked up a red card for kicking out at Georginio Rutter.

On his team's poor performance, Emery said: "We made mistakes and they scored their goals.

"In 20, 25 minutes we lost everything and it was a strange, strange moment.

"Conceding four goals is not normal in my four years working here.

"As well, the red card. Emotionally, we lost it a little bit."

Villa captain McGinn said sorry to the travelling fans.

And he admitted: "The goals we conceded were poor. We apologise to the supporters."

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Gord's off two a flier

ANTHONY GORDON made an instant impact at Barcelona with two assists on his LaLiga debut.

The England star, 25, joined in a £69million deal from Newcastle in May.

Gordon came on to star as a 65th-minute sub as Barca smashed Elche 5-0 in their league opener.

Left-winger Gordon set up Raphinha to make it 3-0 just two minutes after appearing off the bench.

Then, having raced from his own half, he squared for Fermin Lopez to net on 71 minutes.

Gordon had two Prem assists last term but was Toon's top scorer with 17 goals in all competitions.

Hansi Flick's champions saw rivals Real Madrid make a winning start at Espanyol on Saturday.

PREMIER LEAGUE LEGEND

Messiah saluted at cathedral on the hill

FANS' DISPLAY IS PERFECT TRIBUTE

REMEMBERED . . . a giant tifo honours 'King Kev' and (inset) Liverpool keeper Alisson in Keegan 7 shirt

KEEGAN HONOURED

THERE are four dates firmly etched in the collective Geordie memory bank when you talk about the great Kevin Keegan.

By **IAN MURTAGH**

There is August 1982, May 1984, February 1992 and January 2008 – and here it felt like they were all rolled into one.

Firstly, there is Keegan's debut when Newcastle's new No7 claimed that the Gallowgate End sucked in his winning goal against QPR.

Within two years, the love affair was apparently over, with the Toon Army bidding Keegan a fond farewell as he left St James' Park by helicopter having led the Magpies to promotion.

But eight years later he was back, a managerial rookie who became the Messiah – agonisingly missing out on silverware but transforming Newcastle into every fan's second-favourite team.

And when he made a second coming in the dugout, answering his former club's emergency call yet again in the deep midwinter of 2008, all that was missing was another miracle. Impossible on Mike Ashley's watch.

Keegan never returned to his kingdom in a formal capacity but yesterday the most transformational figure in Newcastle's modern history was everywhere.

Out in the streets hours before kick-off they were singing in his honour.

Black and white shirts were emblazoned with his name on the back. In the pubs, drinkers were toasting his memory with every round.

Even in death, KK can make the uncool red hot with the much-derided half-and-half scarves in Newcastle and Liverpool colours all the rage. Geordies in red? Only for Kevin.

Sellers had sold out by 2.30pm.

Club legends Bob Moncur, Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush and Shola Ameobi laid wreaths in the club's garden of remembrance.

And when the focus finally moved inside the stadium, this evocative tribute did not feel like a prelude to a mouth-watering Premier League fixture.

It looked like, sounded like and felt like the main event itself.

We expected emotion and raw passion, qualities the Mighty Mouse possessed in bucketloads, but this was something else.

A place renowned for its noise, its ceremony and its drama surpassed itself.

They call SJP the cathedral on the hill and, here, they commemorated its favourite son.

Wor Flags' organised display – hero-worship dressed up in the grandest fashion – scaled heights it will surely find impossible to match.

The centre circle was adorned with an eye-catching mosaic crafted from some of the thousands of tops left outside St James' in the days following Keegan's passing last month, aged 75.

A giant King Kev tifo confronted the players as they emerged from the tunnel and in the Gallowgate, a banner proclaimed some of Keegan's finest words.

"I want people to dream about their football club," the banner read.

"They should. We should all be dreamers at heart.

"Some people are the opposite and say, 'We can't do that'. But when you ask them why, they can't give a reason. Well, I say, 'Why not?'."

On all four sides of this vibrant arena, supporters from two tribes proudly held aloft their black and white and red cards, creating a canvas of cascading colour.

Tyneside and Merseyside united.

The minute's applause was loud, raucous and heartfelt.

Afterwards, the stadium exploded into a chorus of "Walking in a Keegan Wonderland".

And up in the posh seats, Keegan's Entertainers themselves were soon in joyous mood as their former club took an early lead through Anthony Elanga.

Tino Asprilla bounced up and down, Warren Barton punched the air and Lee Clark – wearing a retro 1984 promotion shirt – celebrated as if he had just scored himself.

In the end, it didn't end 4-3, the scoreline so synonymous with Keegan – but it crackled and fizzled like a seven-goal thriller.

And like any good Newcastle-Liverpool clash, it had last-minute drama.

OK, this time the goal did not shape the destiny of the title.

But Dominik Szoboszlai's late penalty deflated Newcastle after the euphoria of Joe Willock's goal, which looked to have won it for the hosts.

Maybe a high-scoring draw between the club where Keegan started his top-flight playing career, and the one where he ended his days on the pitch and became a managerial legend, was fitting.

Had he been there, the star of the show would have loved it, really loved it.

Keegan's family had posted a message in the match programme and on those cards placed on every seat, speaking of the bond he had with Newcastle.

"Kevin always shared his love for Newcastle United, Geordies and the city, captivating us with stories told with his infectious smile," they said.

"Seeing these tributes brought those stories to life for Kevin's grandchildren, showing them how deeply their grandfather was loved in return."

It is a love match which will endure through the ages.

DREAMER . . . an inspirational quote from Keegan is displayed in the Gallowgate End

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KING KEV
THE PLAYER

LIVERPOOL (1971-77)

Debut: Div 1

AUG 14 1971

v Nottingham Forest

W3-1, Keegan, Tommy Smith (pen), Emlyn Hughes

Last game: Euro Cup final

May 25, 1977

v **Borussia Monchengladbach**

W 3-1, Terry McDermott, Tommy Smith, Phil Neal (pen)

GAMES 323

GOALS 100

Major honours

Top-flight titles x3

European Cup x1

FA Cup x1

Uefa Cup x2

NEWCASTLE (1982-84)

Debut: Div 2

AUG 28 1982

v QPR W1-0, Keegan

Last game: Div 2

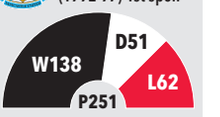
May 12, 1984

v **Brighton**

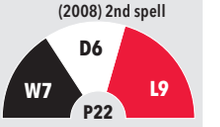
W3-1 Keegan, Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley

KING KEV
THE MANAGER

NEWCASTLE (1992-97) 1st spell



(2008) 2nd spell



JAISSLE . . . penalty pain

SZOB

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icon Keegan, who died last month aged 75.

After being a serial winner at Anfield, Keegan played for Newcastle before later managing the Toon twice. His first spell saw the club become the "Entertainers" of the 90s.

New Kop chief Iraola said: "It was probably the best fixture for the first game of the season after what happened.

"It's good both sets of fans can remember him like they did today."

Jaissle added: "Special emotions. Not only as it is my first match but it was an amazing atmosphere.

"We paid tribute to Keegan — a pure legend. He's the reason the club is here now. The evening was almost perfect."

The clubs joined together ahead of kick-off to pay tribute to King Kev, before Anthony Elanga grabbed a fifth-minute opener for a fired-up Newcastle.

Cody Gakpo levelled but Joe Willock restored the hosts' lead just two minutes later.

Only for the Toon Army to be denied when ref Stuart Attwell pointed to the spot on 96 minutes.

Jaissle cursed his new-look side's cruel luck after a vibrant display. The German, 38, said: "It is a really soft penalty. If you give these penalties, then you need to give a lot in the season.

> Keegan is the reason the club is here now
> — MATTHIAS JAISSLE

"But there is also a lot of confidence and we are proud. The young lads did an amazing job."

Ex-Toon striker Alexander Isak was mercilessly booed on a first return since his £130million move to Liverpool last summer.

Isak went on strike to force an exit and Iraola said the Swede — called "a rat" on his arrival by home fans — was braced for a hostile reception.

The forward struggled to make an impact, but Iraola said: "He has tried everything, given us good positions on the ball and had a couple of situations to finish in the box."

Ex-Bournemouth chief Iraola rued Liverpool's lack of a cutting edge.

The Spaniard said: "We had a lot of the ball on the edge of the box but were overplaying. We just had to shoot, shoot."

Newcastle captain Dan Burn faces a fortnight out after twisting an ankle in training. The defender arrived on crutches and wearing a protective boot.

PREMIER LEAGUE

GAME FIT

PEN PAL . . . Dominik Szoboszlai nets the injury-time equaliser from the spot

MATCH STATS

NEWCASTLE		LIVERPOOL
13	SHOTS	27
4	SHOTS ON TARGET	7
39%	POSSESSION	61%
293	PASSES	440
222	COMPLETED PASSES	370
16	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	36
2	CORNERS	6
16	FOULS CONCEDED	15
5/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0
	MATCH TIME: 100m 42s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 52m 16s	

ONLY HERE FOR THE JEERS . . . Isak faced brutal return

ENTERTAINMENT, chaos and drama in the final seconds.

One bloke in particular would have loved it, loved every moment of this breathless battle.

Every man, woman and child in Newcastle's biggest crowd for 50 years played their part in giving the late Kevin Keegan a tribute none of us will ever forget.

And most fittingly of all, these two clubs – who King Kev shone for as a player – put on a swashbuckling classic that was a throwback to his managerial reign on Tyneside.

Liverpool famously beat Keegan's Newcastle 4-3 as the Magpies' charge for the Premier League crown went off the rails in 1996.

Weeks later, Keegan gave his legendary "I would love it" interview before Manchester United pipped his side to the title. And – just like at Anfield 30 years ago – Liverpool had the last laugh yesterday with an injury-time goal.

By **CHARLIE WYETT**

In the sixth minute of stoppage time, with the Toon leading 2-1, the Reds were handed the softest of penalties when sub Victor Munoz went down under a challenge from Lewis Hall and Dominik Szoboszlai fired a late equaliser.

The perfect ending would have been for public enemy No1 Alexander Isak, who suffered a torrid, ear-splitting return to St James' Park, to insist on taking the penalty before blazing it over the bar.

Yet Isak, who spent the afternoon being called 'a rat' and much worse, will have been relieved Liverpool avoided a first league defeat to Newcastle in 11 years.

Anthony Elanga and Joe Willock – who both failed to score in the top flight for Newcastle last season – were on target either side of a strike from Cody Gakpo, whose Merseyside future is in doubt.

Both these clubs welcomed new managers over summer and, had Yoane Wissa put away a chance late on, Matthias Jaissle would have got the post-Eddie Howe era off to a flier.

As for the post-Arne Slot era under Andoni Iraola, there are question marks.

Liverpool were rewarded for their perseverance but they have some major issues to solve, notably getting a replacement for Mo Salah along, with a left winger and defensive midfielder.

The defence does not look up to much, either. But replacing Salah will be close to impossible.

In the same way Newcastle were always going to struggle following the losses of Anthony Gordon, Sandro Tonali, Bruno Guimaraes and Kieran Trippier.

Yet Newcastle have hope the season might not be the disaster they feared.

Liverpool, meanwhile, will do very well to once again finish in a Champions League place. Rio Ngumoha became just

90 THIS was the fourth Prem game in a row between Newcastle and Liverpool at St James' Park to have a 90-min plus result-altering goal.

NEXT GAMES

NEWCASTLE UNITED — WED 7.45PM — WEST BROMWICH ALBION — Carabao Cup, 2nd rd — West Brom (home)

LIVERPOOL — SAT 12.30PM — FOREST — Premier League — Nottm Forest (home)

NEWCASTLE 2 LIVERPOOL 2

ELANGA 5; WILLOCK 57

GAKPO 55; SZOBOSZLAI 90 (pen)

FORA KING

Four goals and great entertainment.. Keegan would have LOVED it!

GO JOE . . . Willock drills home to put Newcastle back into the lead near the hour

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hull	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Man City	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Newcastle	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bournemouth	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Nottm Forest	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Man Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Coventry	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Tottenham	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

the second 17-year-old to start on the first day of the season in a Reds shirt after Michael Owen.

He did his best but is better off on the left, further proof Liverpool cannot be relying on him – and it was his replacement, Munoz, who won the penalty.

With an extra 465 seats boosting the attendance, the 52,630 crowd was the biggest at St James' Park since 1976.

Isak kicked off to a chorus of boos and home fans sang the name of their former hero while dropping the C bomb.

Throughout, there were also chants of, "There's only one greedy b******."

In the opening exchanges, when Isak lost possession to both Sean Steur and Hall, the crowd erupted with joy.

But that was nothing on the noise after Elanga galloped into the area and gave Newcastle the start they had hoped for.

It was brilliantly taken and, remarkably, was his first Toon league goal since signing from Nottingham Forest for £55m last summer so, maybe this is lift-off.

His goal came after Ryan Gravenberch lost possession as a huge hole appeared between Liverpool's midfield and defence, which does not bode well.

Virgil van Dijk allowed Will Osula to carry the ball forward but the Dutch defender – although hardly covering himself in glory for either goal – will argue the lack of protection is why his side need to sign a defensive midfielder.

Elanga took one touch to take the ball inside the area before firing past an exposed Alisson.

A suited-and-booted Jaissle in the home dugout – looking as though he should be working in the menswear department at House of Fraser – was certainly animated as he celebrated with his coaching team.

Liverpool improved second half, Gakpo's long-range shot just dipping over the bar and, moments later, he drilled a leveller into the bottom corner from outside the area after a great Gravenberch pass.

Jaissle made two changes, bringing on Willock and Jacob Ramsey but not even he would have expected such an instant impact, with Newcastle back in front just 176 seconds after Gakpo's strike.

Willock delivered a polished finish but none of it would have been without some brilliant footwork from Wissa, who turned the Liverpool midfield inside out before releasing his team-mate to score with the help of the left post.

Wissa, who had a good game, should have sealed three points for Toon but his shot was well blocked by Alisson.

Then came the predictable disaster for Newcastle as Stuart Attwell pointed to the spot after Munoz tumbled, and VAR – certainly this season – was never going to overturn that decision.

Newcastle's fans still gave their team a standing ovation following a terrific battle and it is heartbreaking Keegan was not around to see it.

HOW THEY LINED UP

NEWCASTLE: Hornicek, Dedic, Thiaw, Botman, Hall, Steur (Ramsey 56), Miley (Bamba 76), Elanga (Murphy 76), Wissa (Schar 90), Barnes, Osula (Willock 56).

LIVERPOOL: Alisson, Frimpong, Jacquet (Araujo 70), Van Dijk, Kerkez, Szoboszlai, Gravenberch (Koumas 76), Ngumoha (Munoz 63), Wirtz (Mac Allister 63), Gakpo, Isak.

CONTACT . . . Hall brings down Munoz

DOMINIK SZOBOSZLAI'S stoppage-time penalty for Liverpool followed a correct call.

Newcastle defender Lewis Hall made a naive and silly challenge on Victor Munoz and it was a clear spot-kick.

Referee Stuart Attwell took his time but said via the Premier League Match Centre: "He doesn't play the ball — he makes clear contact."

I agree. Hall put his knee into Munoz's thigh and brought him down — a nailed-on penalty.

Newcastle can have no complaints at the award.

MARK HALSEY

20 DOMINIK SZOBOSZLAI'S goal extended Liverpool's unbeaten Premier League run against Newcastle to 20 games, winning 14 and drawing six since a 2-0 loss in December 2015.

61 JOE WILLOCK'S goal was his first in the Prem since February 2024 v Arsenal — ending a run of 61 games and 40 shots without a top-flight strike.

TRIBUTE TO KEEGAN
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WAT A MESS, UNAI

By JOSHUA HALL

UNAI EMERY hinted Ollie Watkins refused to play for Aston Villa.

The Villa boss said he could not explain why the striker was not in the squad for the 4-0 Brighton loss.

Watkins, 30, has been linked with a move to Saudi Arabian side Al-Hilal this summer.

The Villans are understood to have knocked back **FOUR** bids for the England star. Asked why Watkins was not part of the Villa squad, Emery *(left)* said: "This question is for him. I can't answer. I can answer only with my silence."

Probed whether Watkins is refusing to play, Emery added: "I think you can call him. You can call his agent and he

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Brighton.....4
Aston Villa.....0

YOUR No1 PULLOUT IS FREE INSIDE

Maresca making his Marc

Man City.....2
Bournemouth....1

By KATHERINE WALSH

ENZO MARESCA played centre-back Marc Guehi as a makeshift midfielder in a pointed message to Manchester City's board.

City are on the brink of an £85million deal for Lille wonderkid Ayyoub Bouaddi but Maresca wants more players in the

GUEHI . . . in midfield

engine room after the exits of Rodri, Bernardo Silva and Tijjani Reijnders — and with Nico Gonzalez a Newcastle target.

Guehi scored City's equaliser as the new boss oversaw a 2-1 comeback win over Bournemouth.

Maresca said: "I had to find a solution. I don't know if Marc can play

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NORRIS LANDS DUTCH GP WIN

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NEWCASTLE 2 LIVERPOOL 2

SZOB ON THE TYNE

Dom's late penalty leaves Toon gutted

SICKENER . . . Lewis Hall is devastated at giving away spot-kick with seconds left

KEEGAN TRIBUTE
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DOMINIK SZOBOSZLAI hit a last-gasp penalty leveller as Newcastle and Liverpool paid tribute to the late Kevin Keegan.

By IAN MURTAGH

In a battle of two new managers, Matthias Jaissle was all set for a Toon debut win but Lewis Hall fouled Victor Munoz and Szoboszlai *(left)* rescued Andoni Iraola's Reds.

The 99th-minute spot-kick drama was a fitting finale to a pulsating draw as St James' Park honoured

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Bay Roller on to Foy

BAY CITY ROLLER is on track to run in the Prix Foy next month as an early sighter for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp.

George Scott's (*right*) dual Group 1 winner has not been seen since early June when he ploughed through the mud to win the Coronation Cup by 10 lengths.

Fast ground has scuppered plans since but Bay City Roller is likely to run in Paris on September 6 as long as conditions are soft enough. Billy Jackson-Stops, racing manager for owners Victorious Racing, said: "As long as the ground is soft then the plan is the Prix Foy at Longchamp and obviously the end goal for him this year is the Arc."

■ARC, odds: 7-2 Daryz, 8 Kalpana, 10 Item, Maltese Cross, 12 Constitution River, Estrange, Benvenuto Cellini, 16 Almaqam, Bay City Roller

By MARK NEVIN

JIM PLANS A GROUP 1 SPAR

TRAINER Jim Bolger will only target Group 1 races for the rest of the season with unlucky Yorkshire Oaks runner-up Sparan Nua. Bolger said: "Sparan Nua ran a cracker at York and she was just unlucky on the day. We'll be sticking to Group 1s from now on."

Hope for Oz Cup run

BIG-SPENDING owners Wathnan Racing are planning an ambitious tilt at the Melbourne Cup with Ebor runner-up Hopewell Rock.

The George Boughey-trained four-year-old looks set to run in Australia's most famous race in November after producing a career best performance when beaten just a head by Daiquiri Bay at York on Saturday.

The bookies have given Hopewell Rock (*right*) a 20-1 quote for the big race and Wathnan Racing's adviser Richard Brown said: "It's one of those where you are delighted that he ran so well but you want to win.

"I thought we were definitely getting there with Hopewell Rock, but he has run brilliantly.

"The Melbourne Cup reps were at York, and I reckon they would love for him to run in it."

By MARK NEVIN

THE Favourite

HOME OF RACING

Monday, August 24, 2026

TRÈS BON . . . Senorita Bonita was different class in the Prix Morny for a delighted Oisin Murphy and Simon Crisford (*both right*)

SWEET SENORITA

Simon and Ed's flying filly blasts to Morny glory

STUNNING Senorita Bonita looked in a world of her own as she demolished her Prix Morny rivals.

Simon and Ed Crisford's filly came into the Deauville Group 1 contest after a taking win in the Duchess of Cambridge Stakes, which received a big boost from Libertango's win in the Lowther at York last week.

She was well supported in the betting–sent off the 2-1 favourite–and, to be fair, her supporters never really had many doubts.

Oisin Murphy dropped her in early, with Aidan O'Brien's second string, Carry The Flag, setting a strong gallop in front. Clive Cox's Norfolk hero Orthodox was in the mix two furlongs out but folded tamely, and Ballydoyle's first string, Man's Best Friend, lacked tactical pace before staying on late at the business end.

But once the champion jockey stepped on the accelerator, Senorita Bonita surged readily clear of the long-time pace-setter to win by an impressive four lengths.

It was the father and son training team's second victory in the Group 1 contest after Vandeek in 2023 and Simon Crisford said: "She's got an amazing turn of foot.

"She was a bit slowly away today and was a bit behind the bridle, and they were going pretty quick in front. But her turn of foot is electric, and she finished off the race superbly well."

It now sets up a huge autumn Group 1 clash with Phoenix winner **Sun Goddess** and old rival **Libertango** in the Cheveley Park at Newmarket on September 26.

Crisford added: "She's a proper filly. She's a Group 1-winning filly, and we head to the Cheveley Park where we're going to face Sun Goddess and Libertango, and that'll be one of the highlights of the autumn season."

There was a big shock in the Prix Jean et Louis Romanet with red-hot favourite Diamond Necklace losing her unbeaten

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BRIGHTON

GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
2.30..Secret Handsheikh	2.30.....South Shore
3.00 Major Lookwice (nb)	3.00.....Roll Up Raymond
3.30..... Von Krolock	3.30.....Nordic Glory
4.00.....Bohemian Breeze	4.00.....Crimson Road
4.30.....Dalmally	4.30.....King David
5.00.....Mister Sandman	5.00.....Superstorm

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed horseshoe-shaped course of 1m 4f, undulating and sharp, 3 1/2f run-in. ■DRAW: In sprint races low tend to have an advantage over 5f, high best over 6f. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 71-572, G & J Moore 37-193, J Gallagher 20-146, S C Williams 17-76. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 9, G & J Moore 8, James Owen 5. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Keenan 26-181, T P Queally 23-95, W Carson 20-190, S Osborne 18-102. THIS SEASON: T P Queally 5, C Fallon 4, B Loughnane 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Crimson Road (4.00) trained at Bridgend. Round trip of 430 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

2.30 BLACKMORE BUILDING CONTRACTORS HANDICAP (Cl 5) £4,187; 5f (6 runners)

1 135785 **EM FOUR 35 (D)** (5) J Osborne 4-9-9 ..... **Saffie Osborne 92**
Runs: 32 Wins: 6 (4A,2G) Places: 5 £36,989
Becoming well hcapped and latest effort offered some encouragement

2 252642 **NOGO'S DREAM 32 (D)** (1) R Hughes 6-9-9 ..... **Billy Loughnane 97**
Runs: 45 Wins: 4 (2F,2A) Places: 21 £90,219
Consistent, holds strong claims after another solid Sandown second

3 382314 **MERRIMACK 16 (V;CD)** (2) S Williams 5-9-9 ..... **Olivia Haines (7) 95**
Runs: 40 Wins: 6 (S,2F,A,GS,G) Places: 10 £55,026
Track-and-trip winner in good form but never won off this mark before

4 531122 **SOUTH SHORE 7 (BF,D)** (4) R Cowell 5-9-5 ..... **Marco Ghiani ●99**
Runs: 33 Wins: 4 (2F,A,G) Places: 8 £32,388
In good form this season,narrowly denied last week, leading contender

5 3871515 **SECRET HANDSHEIKH 1 (V;CD)** (3) J Gallagher 8-8-13 ..... **Joe Leavy 98**
Runs: 85 Wins: 13 (S,3A,4F,5G) Places: 15 £88,265
Five-time course winner, only fifth here yesterday, can bounce back

6 5123327 **KENTO 1 (CD)** (6) A Carroll 5-8-7 ..... **Ray Dawson 91**
Runs: 35 Wins: 4 (F,3A) Places: 13 £35,156
Consistent, but below best over track & trip yesterday, more needed

BETTING: 11-4 3 South Shore, 4 Nogo's Dream, 9-2 Merrimack, 5 Secret Handsheikh, 13-2 Em Four, 8 Kento
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 3 1
2025: Another Baar 5-10-0, O McSweeney 4-1 1F (A Keatley), drw 3, 3 ran.

Sunracing FORM

EM FOUR (9-10) 13-2 disputed lead, pushed along and led over 2f out, headed inside final furlong, no extra last 110yds, 5th of 8 (btn 2¹/₄l) to Amazonian Dream (9-6) (Windsor 6f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
NOGO'S DREAM (9-10) 11-4 went left start, led, headed and chased winner after 1f, ridden 1f out, kept on, btn 2l by Arry Up (9-7) (7 ran) (Sandown 5f hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
MERRIMACK (9-5) 7-2 disputed lead, led 3f out, ridden 1f out, soon headed, weakened near finish, 4th of 6 (2l) to Brave Nation (9-11) (Newmarket 5f hcap (5) £5,234 good to firm).
SOUTH SHORE (9-11) 10-3 jt fav chased leaders, led and edged left over 1f out, driven inside final furlong, headed close home, btn hd by Thornaby Pearl (9-7) (9 ran) (Windsor 5f app hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
SECRET HANDSHEIKH (9-9) 11-4 held up, shaken up 2f out, switched right and made steady headway 1f out, soon challenging, ridden to lead inside final furlong, went clear towards finish, readily, bt **KENTO** (9-10) 4-1 chased clear leader, pushed along 2f out, headway 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, took 2nd towards finish, no match for winner, 3¹/₄l (6 ran) (Brighton 5f hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).

3.00 COGNITIVE LAW EBF MAIDEN STAKES (4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £5,940; 6f. (6 runners)

1 (1) 77604 **FROM ME TO YOU 11 (B)** R Hannon 9-7 ..... **Joe Leavy 96**
2 (4) **I AM ROYAL** R Hughes 9-7 ..... **Billy Loughnane —**
3 (3) 3 **MAJOR LOOKTWICE 14** G & J Moore 9-7 ..... **Tom Quealy 94**
4 (5) 5372 **ROGUE IMPERIAL 23** A Watson 9-7 ..... **Harry Davies ●99**
5 (6) 3 **ROLL UP RAYMOND 17** G Arnolda 9-7 ..... **Ray Dawson 98**
6 (2) 7 **HAPPY DAISY 24** S Williams 9-2 ..... **Marco Ghiani —**
BETTING: 13-8 Rogue Imperial, 3 Roll Up Raymond, 4 I Am Royal, 6 From Me To You, 7 Major Lookwice, 33 Happy Daisy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Ironwill 9-7 Marco Ghiani 9-4 (S C Williams) drawn 1, 4 ran.

3.30 IAN CARNABY HANDICAP (6) value to the winner £3,454; 6f (8 runners)

1 231621 **VON KROLOCK 6 (B;D)** (6) J Owen 7-9-9(4ex) . **Christian Howarth (3) ●99**
Runs: 49 Wins: 5 (5A) Places: 9 £39,401
Recent Lingfield winner in strong form, respected despite a 4lb penalty

2 451801 **NORDIC GLORY 24 (D)** (7) M Attwater 7-9-7 ..... **Owen Lewis (5) 97**
Runs: 73 Wins: 11 (8A,3F) Places: 18 £71,554
Bounced back to form when winning at Bath winner last time, respected

3 441434 **DARK SUN 12** (3) J Bennett 5-9-7 .... **Laura Coughlan (3) 95**
Runs: 22 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 4 £14,538
Consistent performer, back over her best trip and not without a chance

4 332426 **RYE 80 (BF)** (4) A Carroll 4-9-7 ..... **Marco Ghiani 93**
Runs: 18 Places: 9 £17,466
Consistent at this level, freshened up with realistic each-way claims

5 950088 **BLUE ANTHEM 55 (V★)** (1) G O'Leary (Ire) 4-9-6 .. **Billy Loughnane 92**
Runs: 19 Wins: 3 (2F,A) Places: 2 £17,281
Falling sharply in the weights, but Irish form looks unconvincing, visor on

6 672453 **THE ORGANISER 19 (CD)** (5) M Pattinson 7-9-5 ..... **Pat Cosgrave 90**
Runs: 38 Wins: 4 (2S,A,G) Places: 4 £36,473
Course-and-distance winner, but this trip may prove on the sharp side

7 751266 **BE AN ANGEL 15 (B★;BF,D)** (8) B Millman 4-9-5 ..... **George Wood 93**
Runs: 22 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 5 £20,105
No excuses at Chepstow, connections reach for blinkers now, dangerous

8 438-89 **UNICO 76 (C,D)** (2) C Gordon 5-9-4 ..... **Harry Davies 84**
Runs: 28 Wins: 3 (S,F,A) Places: 5 £23,516
Third in this last year off a 2lb lower mark, but in poor form this season

BETTING: 13-8 Von Krolock, 4 Nordic Glory, 6 Rye, 8 Blue Anthem, Be An Angel, 10 Dark Sun, 12 The Organiser, 20 Unico
WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

VON KROLOCK (9-2) 6-1 led, headed 4f out, tracked front pair, led again 1f out and ridden, readily cleared away, bt My Mate Kev (9-7) 2¹/₄l (8 ran) (Lingfield 6f hcap (6) £4,711 AW).
NORDIC GLORY (8-8) 9-2 raced keenly in touch, headway and ridden into lead over 1f out, kept on well towards finish, bt Beerwah (9-3) ¹/₂l (5 ran) (Bath 6f hcap (6) £3,454 firm).
DARK SUN (9-5) 13-2 towards rear, headway over 2f out, keeping on when not much room near finish, 4th of 8 (btn 3l) to Happier (9-4) (Ffos Las 5f hcap (6) £3,454 good).
RYE (8-12) 4-1 co fav mid-division, ridden 3f out, no impression, 6th of 10 (5l) to Land Of Magic (9-7) (Goodwood 6f (5) £6,621 good to soft).
BLUE ANTHEM (10-2) 10-3 towards rear, kept on from over 1 ¹/₄l out, never nearer, 8th of 15 (btn 6³/₄l) to La La Lucrative (9-13) (Roscommon 7f hcap €6,000 good to yielding).
THE ORGANISER (9-10) 13-2 midfield, effort 2f out, headway final furlong, went 3rd final 110yds, 3rd of 9 (btn 7³/₄l) to Viking Glory (9-5) (Brighton 7f hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).
BE AN ANGEL (9-9) 7-2 jt fav rear of mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, no progress, 6th of 7 (btn 4l) to Amaz (8-13) (Chepstow 6f app hcap (6) £3,768 good to firm).
UNICO (8-5) 25-1 held up in rear, ridden 2f out, never a factor, 9th of 10 (btn 12l) to Supreme King (9-9) (Salisbury 6f hcap (5) £4,580 good to soft).

4.00 IAN CARNABY 30 YEARS OF SPONSORSHIP HANDICAP (6) £3,454; 1m 2f (8 runners)

1 905592 **LIBERATE 3 (D)** (6) J & S Best 4-9-9 ..... **George Wood 97**
Runs: 14 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £31,775
Encouraging debut for this yard at Newmarket on Friday, strong fancy

2 200332 **BOWNDER 48 (D)** (5) J Portman 4-9-9 ..... **Olivia Tubb (5) 98**
Runs: 34 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 10 £39,941
Consistent, runner-up here last time, claims under a useful apprentice

3 -59411 **CRIMSON ROAD 15 (D)** (1) J & R Flint 5-9-9 ..... **William Carson ●99**
Runs: 21 Wins: 4 (4F) Places: 1 £28,374
Progressive, every chance of landing the hat-trick despite another 4lb rise

4 -34651 **BOBACIOUS 25 (CD)** (4) M Hoad 6-9-9 ..... **Liam Wright (5) 96**
Runs: 29 Wins: 5 (4F,G) Places: 8 £33,972
Battled well to win at Epsom last time, 2lb rise unlikely to anchor him

5 835180 **STAR MIND 18** (7) G O'Leary (Ire) 5-9-8 . **Danny O'Leary (7) 94**
Runs: 33 Wins: 4 (2A) Places: 6 £37,462
Irish raider, not in the best of form but well worth a market check

6 449114 **BOHEMIAN BREEZE 18 (CD)** (8) G & J Moore 6-9-7 ..... **Tom Quealy 95**
Runs: 44 Wins: 6 (2F,2A,2G) Places: 9 £56,468
Dual course-and-distance winner this season, up in weights but dangerous

7 879-12 **IT'S LIFE 19 (P★)** (2) K Turner 4-9-0 ..... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) 97**
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £7,413
Progressive, won at Salisbury and just denied here last time, go close

8 076446 **TWILIGHT GUEST 27 (CD)** (3) G Margarson 6-8-4 ..... **Kieran O'Neill 81**
Runs: 43 Wins: 3 (F,GS,G) Places: 10 £28,109
Course-and-distance winner on a lowly mark, but recent form is modest

BETTING: 9-4 Crimson Road, 9-2 It's Life, Bobacious, 6 Liberate, 7 Bownder, 15-2 Bohemian Breeze, 10 Star Mind, 25 Twilight Guest
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5
2025: Shalfa 6-9-6, C Bishop 5-1 (Mrs L Richards), drw 9, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

LIBERATE (9-11) 5-2 midfield, went 2nd entering final furlong, outpaced final 110yds, btn 2¹/₄l by Emma's Letter (9-7) (5 ran) (Newmarket 1¹/₄m hcap (5) £5,154 good to firm).
BOWNDER (9-9) 9-1 tracked leader, led 1f out, soon headed, kept on, held towards finish, btn 1l by Gone Rogue (9-6) (7 ran) (Brighton 1¹/₄m hcap (6) £3,454 good to firm).
CRIMSON ROAD (9-0) 6-5 fav tracked front pair, led 1f out, always doing enough towards finish, bt Stipulation (8-13) 1¹/₄l (6 ran) (Chepstow 1¹/₄m hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
BOBACIOUS (9-0) 4-1 led, shaken up 2f out, headed 1f out, soon rallied to press leader, kept on gamely to lead towards finish, bt Magical Merlin (8-12) hd (6 ran) (Epsom 1¹/₄m app hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).
STAR MIND (8-13) 40-1 slowly into stride and soon detached, never a factor, 16th of 22 (btn 9l) to Bella Colombia (9-6) (Leopardstown 1m 1f hcap €9,000 good to yielding).
BOHEMIAN BREEZE (9-0) 10-1 raced in last pair, plugged on without threatening finish, 4th of 5 (btn 4¹/₄l) to Tai Hang Pegasus (9-1) (Brighton 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £10,468 good to firm).
IT'S LIFE (9-0) 9-2 midfield, shaken up 2f out, bumped final furlong, led near finish, headed post, btn sh hd by Port Darwin (9-4) (6 ran) (Brighton 1¹/₄m hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).
TWILIGHT GUEST (9-6) 20-1 close up, ridden 3f out, weakened 2f out, last of 6 (9l) to Fletcher (8-13) (Yarmouth 1m 3f (6) £3,454 good to firm).

4.30 STREAMLINE TAXIS ALWAYS GOING THE DISTANCE HANDICAP (6); winner £3,454; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (3) -858637 **DALMALLY 32 (CD)** M Pattinson 4-9-9 ..... **Thomas Greatrex 83**
2 (1) 4647895 **KING DAVID 13 (B)** G Kelleway 5-9-7 ..... **Saffie Osborne 95**
3 (4) -148376 **WINEMAKER 18 (H)** R Hughes 6-9-7 ..... **Finley Marsh 93**
4 (7) 6068513 **RIVER WHARFE 18 (BF,CD)** A Carroll 8-9-5 ..... **Billy Loughnane 98**
5 (9) 5-62521 **HEER'S SADIE 10 (C,D)** J & S Birkett 8-9-5 ..... **Christian Howarth (3) ●99**
6 (8) -693454 **CHLOE'S COURAGE 6** J Ryan 4-9-3 ..... **Darragh Keenan 97**
7 (6) 04030-5 **SANGARA 19 (H)** S West 4-9-2 ..... **George Bass 89**
8 (5) 1674406 **CELTIC JOHN 42 (D)** P Phelan 5-9-0 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck 92**
9 (2) 2830434 **MONKS MEAD 9 (D)** M Usher 5-9-0 ..... **Nicola Currie 91**
BETTING: 10-3 River Wharfe, 4 Heer's Sadie, 5 Chloe's Courage, 6 King David, 7 Celtic John, 8 Winemaker, 10 Monks Mead, 16 Sangara, Dalmally
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 8
2025: Rainbow Sign 7-9-3 Luke Morris 9-1 (M Pattinson) drawn 5, 9 ran.

5.00 BRIGHTON RACECOURSE ANTIQUES & VINTAGE FAIR HANDICAP (6); winner £3,454; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (9) 4224624 **KONDRATIEV WAVE 18 (CD)** A Carroll 9-9-9 ..... **Billy Loughnane 96**
2 (7) 3862605 **BERNING HOT 19 (CD)** M Attwater 4-9-7 ..... **William Carson 91**
3 (8) 00-0861 **THANKS DAD 10 (V;D)** S Dixon 6-9-7 ..... **Kieran O'Neill 98**
4 (3) 234-424 **MISTER SANDMAN 10 (H;BF)** G & J Moore 4-9-3 **Jude Fernandes (7) 97**
5 (1) 3246841 **SUPERSTORM 17 (V;CD)** C Fellowes 3-9-1 ..... **Mikkel Mortensen (5) ●99**
6 (5) 31-6078 **BARRY THE WORM 27 (B★)** E Smyth-Osbourne 3-9-1 **Alistair Rawlinson 83**
7 (6) 559-055 **NEAT AND TIDY 14** R Hughes 3-9-1 ..... **Finley Marsh 87**
8 (2) 966-462 **GIRLS ALLOWED 22 (P★)** J & S Birkett 3-8-13 ..... **Dylan Hogan 96**
9 (4) 948257 **NAUTICAL SKY 48 (P★)** J Owen 3-8-11 ..... **Cieren Fallon 91**
BETTING: 7-2 Superstorm, 4 Thanks Dad, 5 Girls Allowed, 11-2 Mister Sandman, 8 Kondratiev Wave, 10 Berning Hot, Nautical Sky, 12 Neat And Tidy, 14 Barry The Worm
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 2-3
2025: Amathus 8-9-9 Jim Crowley 9-2 (P Chamings) drawn 1, 9 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

THE RESDEV SCHOLAR (3.45 Musselburgh) was just pipped at the post at Chester last time and has more to come. Have an each-way double with RAULIN (6.18 Windsor) who can go close on debut for the Moores.

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2.15 IRISH EBF MAIDEN STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £5,940; 5f. (8 runners)

1 (4) **PAPHOS** D Carroll 9-7 ..... **Zak Wheatley —**
2 (8) 0 **PIVOTAL STAR 10** M & D Easterby 9-7 ..... **Billy Garritty 70**
3 (3) 22 **THE MEAN FIDDLER 21 (BF)** J & S Quinn 9-7 ..... **Jason Hart ●99**
4 (1) 25 **BY JOVE GRACE 37** R & P Fahey 9-2 ..... **Oisin Orr 95**
5 (5) 44344U **CALEF 18** D O'Meara 9-2 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 97**
6 (6) 5 **CLASSYFIED 11** T Easterby 9-2 ..... **Sean Kirrane 90**
7 (7) 8 **LA FLOR GRANADA 14** R & P Fahey 9-2 ..... **Cam Hardie 73**
8 (2) 8 **SABLE NOIR 63 (H★)** K Ryan 9-2 ..... **Tom Eaves 76**
BETTING: 11-10 The Mean Fiddler, 10-3 Calef, 6 Paphos, 13-2 By Jove Grace, 12 Classyfied, 14 La Flor Granada, 33 Pivotal Star, 50 Sable Noir
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.45 NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK NURSERY (6) 2-Y-O; winner £3,664; 1m (7 runners)

1 724241 **FOREST BERRY 7 (H★)** (5) Sir M Prescott 10-1(6ex) ... **Luke Morris ●99**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £11,211
Recent Wolves winner, 6lb penalty to defy but likely to be hard to beat

2 739 **RULE OF THE AGENCY 9 (P★)** (7) T Easterby 9-8 ..... **Jason Hart 90**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £3,023
Hcap debutant who needs to leave his latest Ripon defeat behind him

3 642014 **BLUESTONE LADY 17 (B;C)** (6) P Makin 9-8 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 97**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £10,559
Course winner, tougher tasks recently but can remain competitive

4 875 **THE RESDEV ROCKET 17** (1) M & D Easterby 9-0 ..... **Billy Garritty 95**
Runs: 3 £306
Handicap debut offers hope, but maiden form leaves plenty to prove

5 57046 **BONJOUR BELLE 11** (2) B Ellison 8-10 ..... **Mikey Sheehy 84**
Runs: 5 £1,216
Well held in two hcaps and needs significant improvement to feature

6 9057 **LE GRAND ETOILE 11** (4) C Johnston 8-7 ..... **Andrew Mullen 87**
Runs: 4 £0
Lowlopening mark may help, but maiden form remains unconvincing

7 670 **ASTRAL CALLING 12** (3) K R Burke 8-7 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3) 86**
Runs: 3
Poor hcap debut and really difficult to recommend despite a 2lb drop

BETTING: 11-10 Forest Berry, 5-2 Bluestone Lady, 10 The Resdev Rocket, 12 Rule Of The Agency, Astral Calling, 14 Bonjour Belle
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1 3 1 2
2025: Port Darwin 9-9, C Beasley 5-2 (C Johnston), drw 7, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

FOREST BERRY (9-2) 9-4 fav keen, in touch, shaken up waiting for room over 2f out, good headway 1f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, soon ridden to lead, kept on well, bt Pon Pon Dalia (9-2) 1l (8 ran) (Wthampton 7f mdn (4) £5,400 AW).
RULE OF THE AGENCY (9-7) 25-1 midfield, outpaced 1f out, weakened, 9th of 13 (btn 18l) to Coral Cove (9-5) (Ripon 1m nov stks (2) £15,462 good).
BLUESTONE LADY (9-0) 11-2 slowly away, held up, switched left 2f out, kept on final furlong, no danger, 4th of 5 (3¹/₄l) to Bella Lucia (8-11) (Musselburgh 7f sell hcap (5) £881 good).
THE RESDEV ROCKET (9-4) 150-1 in touch with leader, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, last of 5 (btn 12l) to Nabati (9-11) (Newmarket 6f nov stks (4) £5,234 good to firm).
BONJOUR BELLE (9-1) 28-1 in touch with leaders, outpaced 2f out, weakened 1f out, faded, 6th of 10 (btn 12l) to State of Gold (9-9) (Beverley 7f hcap (6) £4,004 good to firm).
LE GRAND ETOILE (8-9) 4-1 held up, weakened 1f out, 7th of 10 (btn 16l) to Emerald Bay (9-4) **BLUESTONE LADY** (9-7) 9-1 midfield, ridden 3f out, weakened, last (well btn) (Leicester 7f hcap (6) £3,140 good to firm).
ASTRAL CALLING (9-2) 28-1 dwelt and always behind, last of 12 (btn 13l) to Empire Rising (9-7) (Beverley 7f mdn (4) £5,940 good to firm).

3.15 'CELEBRATING VETERAN ARMED FORCES' SELLING HCAP (5) £6,281; 1m 1f (11 run)

1 -05122 **YERMANTHERE 37** (2) T Easterby 8-10-0 ..... **Jake Dickson (5) ●99**
Runs: 43 Wins: 4 (S,2G) Places: 7 £53,498
Thriving over similar trips and holds strong claims after consistent efforts

2 513226 **RUNNINSONOFAGUN 7 (B;BF)** (9) T Davidson 4-9-12 ..... **Jason Hart 97**
Runs: 26 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 10 £31,855
Consistent before latest defeat, but this longer trip demands improvement

3 -05123 **THEME PARK 21** (10) N Tinkler 6-9-12 .... **Faye McManoman 98**
Runs: 35 Wins: 4 (3F,A) Places: 4 £50,752
In good form over shorter, extra furlong likely within range, dangerous

4 962545 **SIMPLE STAR 17 (P★;C)** (11) G Rutherford 8-9-9 ..... **Sam James 95**
Runs: 37 Wins: 5 (F,A,3G) Places: 6 £52,814
Course winner dropping in distance, recent form leaves plenty to prove

5 57-876 **TITAINIUM 18** (4) G Tuer 5-9-7 ..... **Oliver Stammers 90**
Runs: 21 Wins: 3 (2F,A) Places: 4 £22,946
Better effort at Southwell last time, but form fails to inspire confidence

6 341760 **MAYOR OF MAGHERA 16 (CD)** (6) R Smith 4-9-5 ..... **Rhys Elliott (5) 87**
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 3 £13,607
Course-and-distance winner, but not in the best of form recently, bit to find

7 249222 **FALCON NINE 17 (B;BF,CD)** (7) I Jardine 6-9-4 ..... **Oisin Orr 98**
Runs: 39 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 10 £27,461
Consistent course-and-distance performer, ground will suit contender

8 356537 **PRINCESS NIYLA 12** (8) A Brown 6-9-2 ..... **Tom Eaves 85**
Runs: 41 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 10 £34,983
Doncaster third offers hope, but latest Beverley defeat needs forgiving

9 765654 **MOTAWAARED 14** (3) J Goldie 4-9-2 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 93**
Runs: 13 Places: 2 £5,073
Encouraging Ayr fourth last time, falling mark gives him each-way

10 968053 **MINERS GAMBLE 17 (CD)** (1) B Ellison 5-8-10 ..... **Mikey Sheehy 91**
Runs: 26 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 5 £20,630
Course-and-distance winner who returned to form with a third here latest

11 75/578 **LANGTON WOLD 12** (5) B Ellison 7-8-9 ..... **Cam Hardie 75**
Runs: 19 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £6,754
Poor recent Flat form makes him extremely difficult to recommend today

BETTING: 11-4 Yermanthere, 10-3 Falcon Nine, 9-2 Theme Park, 7 Motawaared, 8 Runninsonofagun, 10 Miners Gamble, 12 Titainium
WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

TEMPLEGATE

2.15.....By Jove Grace
2.45.....Rule Of The Agency
3.15..... Miners Gamble
3.45..... Two Commanders
4.15..... So Grateful
4.45.....Thats My Boye Luke

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Camarda Rc (double) with Von Krolock (both B TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Host Musselburgh).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: THE RESDEV S THE JUDGE: DRAGON GOD (7.48 Wi

TIC-TAC: Right-handed oval track of 1m half a mile from home. The turns are very numbers are usually at an advantage. **FAV** of 911 races (33%). At the previous corres races (33%). **JACKPOT:** 1-6. **LIVE ON RAC**

HOT 'N

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 da E Bethell 8 from 31; K R Burke 7 from 38; C 43; J Goldie 6 from 47; R Carr 3 from 25; from 39; T Easterby 4 from 84. **JOCKEYS** 11 wins from 36 rides; L Young 4 from 17; D 15; L Morris 10 from 51; S James 4 from 28 Mulrennan 3 from 35. **TRAINERS who hav** R K Watson 125; G Rutherford 46; A Brown **had the most rides since last win:** D Fenti

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 J Goldie 60-467, I Jardine 43-414, K R Burke 30-104, T Easterby 27-205, C Johnston 22-145, G Tuer 20-89, D O'Meara 15-91, Miss L Perratt 14-166, R & P Fahey 13-101, K Scott 10-108. **THIS SEASON:** J Goldie 12, T Easterby 5, I Jardine 4, Phillip Makin 3.

TRAINER

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 4.15 Bree
RACEFAX: Miss L Perratt won the 4.15 in 2
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Forest Be Newmarket, round trip of 700 miles; **Abu R** On The Wolds, round trip of 576 miles.

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MONEY TALKS: Calef (2.15) opened 2- opened 10-3 won at 9-4f; **Runninsonofagu Commanders** (3.45) opened 5-2 third at 2-1 **TOP EARNERS:** 4.45 **Jewel Maker** £111,65 £72,518; 4.15 **Sixcor** £67,975; 4.15 **So Gratefu**

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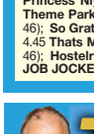
SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Forest Berry (2.45) **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** None.
VISORED FIRST TIME: None.
FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None today.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 3.15 **Simple Star** (v **Maghera** (won off 67 down 6lb to 61); **Mir Princess Niyla** (won off 65 down 7lb to 58 **Theme Park** (won off 81 down 13lb to 68); 4 46); **So Grateful** (won off 56 down 6lb to 50) 4.45 **Thats My Boye Luke** (won off 63 down 46); **Hostelry** (won off 68 down 14lb to 54); **JOB JOCKEY:** O Orr rides **Two Commande**



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RACING'S NO1 T

THE CAMARDA RC never lie (5.48, nap).

Richard Hannon's youngster m ning by a convincing margin at l travelled nicely and showed a sharp turn of foot to get the job done in a matter of strides.

Windsor is a tricky track that doesn't suit all horses and his ability to handle Epsom's cam- ber bodes well.

He is bred to come into his own as he goes up in trip so this extra furlong should be ideal.

MAJOR LOOKTWICE (3.00 Brighton, nb) is another who caught the eye on his first race- course run.

He was a solid third at Windsor 14 days ago and the form has been franked by the second going close in a Listed race last time.

He wasn't asked too many questions in the closing stages

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP
CAMARDA RC
5.48 Windsor
Looked a nice prospect when winning on debut at Epsom last time.

★ TEMPLE
MAJOR LO
3.00 Brighto
Promising third Windsor and th form has alread been franked.

S, FORM AND TIPS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!

OURS

TOM PEPPER

2.15..... The Mean Fiddler
2.45..... Forest Berry
3.15.....Theme Park (nb)
3.45.....The Resdev Scholar
4.15.....Sixcor
4.45..... HOSTELRY (nap)

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Brighton).
elry and Theme Park (both

CHOLAR (3.45 Musselburgh).
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h 2f, which joins the straight 5f course sharp. **DRAW:** In races up to a mile low **OURITES:** (2021-2026): 297 have won out ponding meetings, 4 have won out of 12 **ING TV**

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ys: Sir M Prescott 7 wins from 25 runners; C Johnston 7 from 41; R & P Fahey 7 from D O'Meara 6 from 51; M & D Easterby 3 **with best record in last 14 days:** O Orr Tudhope 9 from 42; MP Sheehy 3 from ; J Hart 4 from 41; J Mason 3 from 33; P **e had the most runners since last win:** n 40; D O'Meara 28.**JOCKEYS who have** man 65; Z Wheatley 17; F McManoman 13.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 P Mulrennan 55-312, S James 30-139, A Mullen 30-276, J Hart 24-147, D Tudhope 17-76, C Beasley 17-129, O Orr 14-98, B Garritty 14-128, Z Wheatley 9-48, O Stammers 8-61. **THIS SEASON:** P Mulrennan 6, D Tudhope 5, L Young 5, A Mullen 4.

R TRACE

ze Star N Wilson to Miss L Perratt. 023 & 2024.
rry (2.45) trained by Sir M Prescott. **oyal** (4.45) trained by L Morgan, Waltham

MONEY

-1 unplaced at 5-4; **Forest Berry** (2.45) **n** (3.15) opened 7-2 unplaced at 5-2f; **Two Viper** (3.45) opened 8-1 unplaced at 11-2. 0; 4.45 **Hostelry** £95,301; 3.15 **Simple Star ul** £59,857.

ORDERS

) won at Wolverhampton (7f).

won off 69 down 4lb to 65); **Mayor Of ers Gamble** (won off 59 down 7lb to 52);); **Titainium** (won off 70 down 7lb to 63); .15 **Lady Bouquet** (won off 49 down 3lb to); **Royal Duke** (won off 57 down 11lb to 46); 9lb to 54); **Bantz** (won off 59 down 13lb to **Jewel Maker** (won off 66 down 14lb to 52). **ers** (3.45) for E Bethell, 11 from 43, 26%.

LEGATE

TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

es at Windsor this evening

ad the perfect start when win- Epsom on debut last month. He

Cam can hit the target

and should take a major step forward with that run under his belt.

VON KROLOCK (3.30 Brighton, treble) is a regular winner on the sand and can translate that form to turf.

He had plenty in hand when scooting in at Lingfield last time and a 4lb penalty shouldn't stop him.

He has gone close a few times on turf including at Leicester two runs ago and this looks an excellent chance to strike again.

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★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
VON KROLOCK
3.30 Brighton
Can defy a penalty for a comfortable win at Lingfield last time out.

GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT)

3.45 INA AND ELLA MACGREGOR HANDICAP (4) 3-Y-O; winner £6,281; 7f (10 runners)

1 73219 **VIPER 30 (D)** (1) B Ellison 9-9 ..... **Mikey Sheehy** 95
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £9,203
Newcastle novice winner, must rebound from a disappointing hcap debut

2 243302 **THE RESDEV SCHOLAR 73 (CD)** (8) M & D Easterby 9-7 ..... **Joanna Mason** ●99
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (2S,G) Places: 5 £54,865
Consistent course-and-distance winner with solid claims after a short break

3 3123 **TWO COMMANDERS 40** (5) E Bethell 9-7 ..... **Oisin Orr** 97
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 2 £10,430
Lightly raced and consistent, step back up to 7f likely to suit, dangerous

4 2-1632 **BLAKEFELL 19 (BF,CD)** (9) I Furtado 9-7 ..... **Jason Hart** 98
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £29,743
Course-and-distance winner narrowly denied at Kempton, contender

5 481130 **VELVET RHYTHM 26 (D)** (10) C Johnston 9-6 ..... **Connor Beasley** 94
Runs: 11 Wins: 4 (3F,G) £35,458
Progressive before Goodwood disappointment, this is more realistic

6 71-240 **SIOUXPERSONIC 73 (H)** (2) J Camacho 9-5 ..... **Sam James** 95
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £9,204
Runner-up over 6f at Ripon, but must rebound and prove her stamina for 7f

7 775157 **BEYOND THE BAR 12 (D)** (6) T Easterby 9-3 ..... **Paul Mulrennan** 89
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £13,283
Catterick winner, needs to bounce back from two disappointing efforts since

8 01-080 **YY SPIRIT 16** (3) S Corbett 8-8 ..... **Rhys Elliott (5)** 81
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) £5,913
Three poor hap efforts make her extremely difficult to recommend today

9 767237 **CARMEL VALLEY 14** (4) K Scott 8-5 ..... **Cam Hardie** 90
Runs: 7 Places: 1 £3,194
Generally consistent recently and holds each-way claims from a falling mark

10 -44555 **LIGHT THE NIGHT UP 14** (7) K R Burke 8-4 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3)** 92
Runs: 9 £10,051
Falling in the weights, represents powerful yard, check for market move

BETTING: 3 Blakefell, 7-2 Two Commanders, 5 The Resdev Scholar, 6 Velvet Rhythm, 8 Siouxpersonic, 10 Viper, Beyond The Bar
WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

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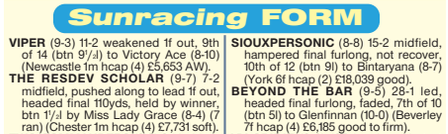
VIPER (9-3) 11-2 weakened 1f out, 9th of 14 (btn 9¾l) to Victory Ace (8-10) (Newcastle 1m hcap (4) £5,653 AW).
THE RESDEV SCHOLAR (9-7) 7-2 midfield, pushed along to lead 1f out, headed final 110yds, held by winner, btn 1¼l by Miss Lady Grace (8-4) (7 ran) (Chester 1m hcap (4) £7,731 soft).
TWO COMMANDERS (9-9) 2-1 held up in touch, pushed along 2f out, went 3rd final 110yds, stayed on, 3rd of 8 (btn 1¼l) to The Good Biscuit (9-12) (Catterick 6f hcap (4) £5,234 good).
BLAKEFELL (9-4) 4-1 co fav close up, led 1f out, headed close home, btn sh hd by Victory Ace (9-4) (8 ran) (Kempton 7f hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
VELVET RHYTHM (9-4) 25-1 handy, ridden 2f out, faded 1f out, 24th of 26 to French Affair (9-2) (Goodwood 6f hcap (4) £20,616 good to firm).
SIOUXPERSONIC (8-8) 15-2 midfield, hampered final furlong, not recover, 10th of 12 (btn 9l) to Bintaryana (8-7) (York 6f hcap (2) £18,039 good).
BEYOND THE BAR (9-5) 28-1 led, headed final furlong, faded, 7th of 10 (btn 5l) to Glenfinnan (10-0) (Beverley 7f hcap (4) £6,185 good to firm).
YY SPIRIT (9-3) 125-1 awkward start and slowly away, always behind, last of 12 (well btn) to Supreme Clarets (9-2) (Ayr 7f hcap (5) £4,187 good).
CARMEL VALLEY (9-8) 4-1 led, headed 110yds out and weakened, 7th of 12 (btn 3¾l) to Catton Lady (10-2) (Ayr 7f hcap (6) £3,664 good to soft).
LIGHT THE NIGHT UP (9-3) 13-2 in rear, improved 2f out, hampered final furlong and one pace, 5th of 10 (btn 4¾l) to Keep An Eye On It (9-7) (Ayr 1m hcap (5) £4,187 good to soft).

4.15 OCEAN SCOTLAND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,664; 5f. (10 runners)

1 (7) 1508189 **OPAL STORM 11 (D)** B Rothwell 6-9-9 ..... **Faye McManoman 92**
2 (10) 6247444 **WEE MARY 24 (H;CD)** J Goldie 4-9-6 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 95**
3 (5) 1649266 **SANDS OF SEVE 25 (D)** W Harrison 3-9-4 ..... **Billy Garritty 91**
4 (3) -904222 **SO GRATEFUL 19 (BF,D)** M & D Easterby 8-9-4 ..... **Joanna Mason ●99**
5 (6) 3753146 **SIXCOR 14 (CD)** L Perratt 8-9-1 ..... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 96**
6 (8) 3467926 **GWEN TENNYSON 16** G Tutty 3-9-1 ..... **Connor Beasley 94**
7 (1) 3775650 **ROYAL DUKE 16 (T+;CD)** R Smith 5-9-0 ..... **Rhys Elliott (5) 86**
8 (9) 5623870 **SKI ANGEL 14 (CD)** R Smith 6-9-0 ..... **Cam Hardie 81**
9 (4) 0364349 **LADY BOUQUET 37 (D)** P Kirby 5-9-0 ..... **Kevin Stott 90**
10 (2) 868-878 **BREEZE STAR 30** L Perratt 3-8-12 ..... **Andrew Mullen 79**

BETTING: 15-8 So Grateful, 4 Wee Mary, 13-2 Sixcor, 7 Gwen Tennyson, 10 Sands of Seve, 12 Royal Duke, 14 Opal Storm, 16 Lady Bouquet
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 7 5 4
2025: Beaumadier 5-9-9 Joe Leavy 4-1 (M Loughnane) drawn 6, 8 ran.



4.45 WATCH ON RACING TV HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,664; 1m. (13 runners)

1 (11) 438-909 **ELIZABETH BAY 66** K Scott 4-9-9 ..... **Jason Hart 84**
2 (12) -470456 **THATS MY BOY LUKE 26 (B;D)** T Easterby 5-9-8 ..... **Sean Kirrane 95**
3 (3) 4555451 **HOSTELRY 14 (V;D)** R Carr 9-9-8 ..... **Joanna Mason 98**
4 (4) 0748776 **JEWEL MAKER 13 (D)** T Easterby 11-9-6 ..... **Duran Fentiman 89**
5 (8) 5048952 **DUE RESPECT 14 (V)** G Rutherford 4-9-4 ..... **Jake Dickson (5) 97**
6 (7) 1934185 **APPROACHING DAWN 17 (CD)** J Goldie 6-9-4 ..... **Lauren Young (5) 98**
7 (10) /08-090 **JOSHUAS DREAM 14** J Goldie 4-9-2 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 77**
8 (1) 6623423 **MISEMERALD 17** P Kirby 5-9-1 ..... **Kevin Stott ●99**
9 (13) 7/672-0 **CALEDONIAN DREAM 86** J Dawson 4-9-0 ..... **Andrew Mullen 90**
10 (5) 6580367 **ABU ROYAL 50 (V;D)** L Morgan 6-9-0 ..... **Billy Garritty 82**
11 (2) 0-07970 **BANTZ 12** A Brown 4-9-0 ..... **Tom Eaves 76**
12 (9) 556/9-9 **SIEVIER 30** J Dawson 5-9-0 ..... **Connor Beasley 73**
13 (6) 90-4688 **SERENGETI SUNRISE 105** R Watson (Ire) 5-9-0 ..... **Rhys Elliott (5) 78**

BETTING: 7-4 Misemerald, 10-3 Hostelry, 9-2 Due Respect, 8 Thats My Boy Luke, Approaching Dawn, 12 Jewel Maker, 20 Abu Royal, 25 Bantz
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2 1
2025: Temper Trap 8-9-7 Sean Kirrane 7-2 Fav (T Easterby) drawn 7, 9 ran.

PROBETS

HORSES FOR COURSES: **BOHEMIAN BREEZE (4.00 Brighton) has won all three starts over this C&D.**
HOT TRAINER: Micky Fenton has hit 50% winners in the past month and runs just MOLLY MAC (7.18 Windsor) today.
GAMBLED ON: FOREST BERRY (2.45 Musselburgh) was well backed before winning last time and makes his nursery debut for Sir Mark Prescott.

HOT SENORITA

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record. Ryan Moore gave Diamond Necklace (*below*) every chance, but she lacked her usual electric turn of foot.

A deflated Aidan O'Brien said: "She ran a good race but the winner was stronger than her on the day."

Trainer Christophe Ferland has big plans for the winner, Aventure; the Prix de l'Opéra on Arc is her main target, and she's likely to have her swansong at the Breeders' Cup.

Ferland smiled: "She's a really good filly. The Opera is her big aim, and we will try to sign off in style in the Breeders' Cup Fillies and Mares race."

The in-form team of Joseph O'Brien and Dylan Browne McMonagle continued their unstoppable form with Defiantly booking his Melbourne Cup ticket with a powerful performance in the Group 2 Prix Kergorlay.

O'Brien said: "He's obviously a horse that is improving at a rapid rate. I'd imagine something like the Melbourne Cup will be where he ends up now."

RACING RESULTS

DEAUVILLE
Going: Soft

2.50: 1 SENORITA BONITA O Murphy (2-1 fav); **2 Carry The Flag** (150-1); **3 Kosuma** (3-1). 7 ran. 4l; nk. S & E Crisford. NR: Great Barrier Reef.

3.25: 1 AVENTURE M Guyon (15-2); **2 Diamond Necklace** (2-9 fav); **3 Timeforshowcasing** (8-1). 10 ran. 2l; hd. C Ferland. NR: Pink Panthera.

BRIGHTON
Going: Good to Firm (Good)

2.20: 1 WRIST ART Miss Ruby Criscuolo (4-1); **2 Stintino Sunset** (9-2); **3 Highland Harvey** (2-1 fav). 6 ran. ¾l; 1¼l. James Owen. T: £5; £1.70, £2.20. Ex: £29.50. Tricast: £56.20. CF: £22.26.

2.50: 1 SPACE DREAMER B Loughnane (3-1); **2 Last Dandelion** (5-2 fav); **3 Tree Wizard** (9-2). 6 ran. 2¾l; 2l. Ollie Sangster. T: £4; £1.90, £1.80. Ex: £11.30. Trifecta: £33.60. CF: £10.75.

3.20: 1 HARRY'S POP R Dawson (2-1); **2 Crowned** (15-8 fav); **3 Dreams Galore** (9-4). 6 ran. 1l; nk. D Cunha. T: £3; £1.40, £1.50. Ex: £6.70. Trifecta: £11.70. CF: £5.94.

3.50: 1 GIANT H Davies (15-2); **2 Diomed Spirit** (17-2); **3 Candy Warhol** (16-1); **4 Big Time Rascal** (16-1). 16 ran (Arnaz 5-2 fav). ns; nk; nk. I Williams. T: £10.10; £2.60, £2.70, £3.40, £2.60. Ex: £98.40. Tricast: £1075.03. Trifecta: £2262.80. CF: £72.44.

4.20: 1 KNIGHTS GOLD B Loughnane (2-1 fav); **2 Cuban Lady** (22-1); **3 Dapper Guest** (14-1). 7 ran. ½l; 1¾l. T Ward. T: £3; £1.80, £4.80. Ex: £41.50. Trifecta: £273.60. CF: £47.08.

4.50: 1 DANEHILL STAR David Egan (11-1); **2 My Old Mate** (1-2 fav); **3 War Chant** (16-1). 5 ran. ½l; hd. A Carroll. T: £12; £2.40, £1.10. Ex: £18.10. Trifecta: £37.90. CF: £17.14.

PLACEPOT: £150.40
QUADPOT: £21.90

WORCESTER
Going: Good

2.08: 1 AXEL BLEUE J Bowen (5-2 fav); **2 Ras Kassar** (7-2); **3 Twist Of Fatecatch** (13-2). 8 ran. shd; 8¼l. M Bowen. T: £3.50; £1.50, £1.70, £2.10. Ex: £14.70. Tricast: £50.02. Trifecta: £96.40. CF: £12.40. NR: Artiste D'ainay.

2.38: 1 LITTLE LEDGEND S Bowen (11-4); **2 Pep Talking** (7-1); **3 Hudson** (20-1). 10 ran (At The Oche 11-8 fav). 9¾l; 18l. O Murphy. T: £3.75; £1.20, £2.30, £4.60. Ex: £18.90. Tricast: £325.32. Trifecta: £143.90. CF: £20.83.

3.08: 1 I'VE GOT A FRIEND J M Davies (10-1); **2 Delulu** (8-1); **3 Spanish Darling** (6-1). 10 ran (Pedro's Moon 9-4 fav). shd; 1l. G Hanmer. T: £12.10; £3.30, £2.20, £2.10. Ex: £92.70. Tf: £624.90. CF: £88.01. NR: Queens Glance.

3.38: 1 DOWN TO BUSINESS H Skelton (4-6 fav); **2 Network Gold** (4-1); **3 Baltic** (28-1). 11 ran. 5l; 2½l. D Skelton. T: £1.67; £1.10, £1.40, £5.40. Ex: £3.90. Tf: £41.30. CF: £3.76. NR: Happy Chandler.

4.08: 1 NETWORK RGB S Bowen (22-1); **2 Zafaan** (22-1); **3 Mojo Ego** (9-2 co fav). 13 ran (Kernie D'airy 9-2 co fav, Raffles Nobu 9-2 co fav). 2l; 1¼l. O Murphy. T: £25.80. CF: £7.90, £7.40, £2.30. Ex: £879.10. Tricast: £2584.97. Trifecta: £2520.70. CF: £425.11. NR: Playful Fox.

4.38: 1 LETTERSTON LILY J Bowen (9-4 fav); **2 Trouville** (11-2); **3 Norman Fletcher** (5-1). 8 ran. ½l; 6½l. M Bowen. T: £3.30; £1.30, £2.10, £1.70. Ex: £17.20. Tc: £56.50. Tf: £87.50. CF: £15.79.

5.08: 1 THE SECRET PEARL K Woods (12-1); **2 Klervia** (14-1); **3 Forest Spirit** (20-1). 13 ran (Diamond White 5-2 fav). nk; 3½l. A Hales. T: £16.30; £3.50, £4.90, £3.40. Ex: £227.20. Tc: £3348.37. Tf: £2918.50. CF: £165.90.

PLACEPOT: £389.60
QUADPOT: £66.90

NAAS
Going: Good (Good to Firm)

2.30: 1 MAEDA MATSU R P Cleary (7-1); **2 Star Glory** (11-1); **3 Silver Kiss** (6-5 fav); **4 Lunar Empress** (4-1). 16 ran. ¾l; 1½l; 1½l. S Lavery. T: €8; €2.50, €3.30, €1.10. Ex: €78.40. Tf: €184.70. CF: €84.27. NR: Bex Noir, Pas De Deux.

3.00: 1 TIMELESS TALE W J Lee (14-1); **2 Film Set** (7-1); **3 Pink Venom** (18-1). 15 ran (Formous 13-8 fav). 8½l; ½l. W McCreery. T: €17.40; €3.90, €2.70, €3.40. Ex: €150.90. Trifecta: €2413.90. CF: €112.49. NR: Zelente.

3.30: 1 ZOAR C D Hayes (11-10 fav); **2 Capital Of Pride** (8-1); **3 Roeillaun** (17-2). 15 ran. 1½l; 1l. Donnacha O'Brien. T: €2.10; €1.10, €2.80, €2.80. Ex: €12.90. Tf: €81.90. CF: €12.65. NR: Tidal Blue.

4.00: 1 CHANTEZ G F Carroll (28-1); **2 Soul Love** (9-4); **3 Dancing Saxon** (6-1). 8 ran (First Instinct 15-8 fav). ½l; 1l. G M Lyons. T: €34; €4.60, €1.10, €1.60. Ex: €128.10. Tricast: €456.27. Trifecta: €368.20. CF: €91.74.

4.30: 1 STEEL MAGNOLIA W J Lee (7-2 jtfav); **2 Whatswrongnow** (11-1); **3 Little Roy** (33-1); **4 Simmering Seas** (7-2 jtfav). 19 ran. 3½l; ½l; ns. W McCreery. T: €4.80; €1.50, €2.20, €8.70, €1.70. Ex: €60.20. Tricast: €860.63. Trifecta: €2413.40. CF: €47.72.

5.00: 1 WIE WUNDERBAR K G Kennedy (7-1); **2 Sinbad My Dad** (11-1); **3 Millhone** (4-1 fav); **4 Yquem** (5-1). 16 ran. 1½l; ¾l; shd. J Harrington. T: €8; €2.10, €3.30, €1.40, €1.90. Ex: €124.10. Tricast: €366.12. Trifecta: €720.90. CF: €87.06. NR: Glittering Gem, Miss Ivor.

5.30: 1 MINELLA ROCKETT Reese Holohan (7-2 jtfav); **2 Port Of Spain** (13-2); **3 Ob La Di** (11-2). 9 ran (Alice Monet 7-2 jtfav). nk; 2½l. J Nallen. T: €4.60; €1.60, €2.20. Ex: €29.60. Tc: €125.86. Tf: €167.50. CF: €27.95. NR: Mocking.

PLACEPOT: €43.60

JOCKEYFORM

TOTAL WINS		WINS TO RIDES LAST WEEK	RIDES SINCE WIN	£1 LEVEL STAKE
173	B Loughnane	10-46	1	-201
129	O Murphy	5-36		-155
108	R Ryan	3-25	4	-57

TRAINERFORM

TOTAL WINS		WINS TO RUNNERS LAST WEEK	STRIKE RATE %	£1 LEVEL STAKE
138	A Balding	8-49	20	-22
111	J Owen	3-27	17	-70
107	A Carroll	1-19	14	-203

DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■**DUNSTALL PARK: 11.01 Pharis Roxy (2-4-3) 11.18 Paddys Mazda (4-3-6) 11.34 Taffy Wrexham (2-4-1) 11.52 Bombay Tilda (nap) (5-4-6) 12.09 Tan And Lashes (1-6-3) 12.26 Flyhigh Star (nb) (1-6-3) 12.42 Butts Diva (6-3-2) 12.59 Attitude (3-6-4) 1.17 Oode Lally (1-4-3) 1.33 Roseville Rex (5-1-2) 1.51 Signet Delight (2-3-6) 2.07 Tommys Ina (1-2-3)**

■**ROMFORD: 11.09 My Little Olive (nb) (3-1-4) 11.27 Abbeyside Comet (1-5-6) 11.43 Bowmers King (6-1-2) 12.01 Biscuit Dunker (6-1-2) 12.18 Constantly (5-1-3) 12.34 Potentia Forever (2-6-4) 12.51 Sparkling Katie (1-4-5) 1.08 Hasty Halley (nap) (1-4-5) 1.26 Lollipop Lucy (4-3-1) 1.42 Sparkling Kerena (1-2-3) 1.59 Toems Jess (1-3-2) 2.14 Bingo Tina (1-5-2)**

■**MONMORE: 2.23 Newinn Magico (4-2-6) 2.41 Longacres Senna (2-3-5) 3.01 Freyas Fancy (1-6-3) 3.19 Tromora Diamond (4-2-5) 3.38 Speedy Dog (5-1-4) 3.57 Crafty Techno (3-1-4) 4.16 Kurious George (nap) (6-4-2) 4.34 Boxing Friends (nb) (6-3-5) 4.53 Flyaway Lizzie (1-4-3) 5.12 Elderberry Mhysa (1-2-3) 5.31 Like Lightning (6-1-5) 5.49 Flyhigh Ernie (1-2-5)**

RETURNS

■**YARMOUTH: 11.01 Jacobs Magic 9-2 (4-6-2 BAGS F £13.10 TC £29.25). 11.18 Murrow Pinatubo 11-4 (6-2-4 £10.53). 11.34 Galinism 7-2 (1-2-3 £17.59). 11.52 Glenrock Jet 6-5f (2-1-6 £6.25). 12.09 Swift Illinois 6-4f (3-4-5 £6.86 TC £31.04). 12.26 Alfies Lad 5-1 (5-1-2 £17.69). 12.42 Fastnet Ranger 6-4f (4-2-5 £9.52). 12.59 Drumdoit Buster 10-3 (4-1-3 £18.38). 1.17 Horizontal 7-2 (4-5-1 £17.02 TC £86.62). 1.33 Somersham Sox 9-2 (6-3-1 £31.87). 1.51 Murrow Tambora 7-4f (4-1-5 £7.05). 2.07 Mallogs Freddie 11-10f (3-2-5 £11.01).**

■**SUNDERLAND: 11.09 Emers Noddy 7-4f (1-6-4 BAGS F £15.63). 11.27 Fantastic Dear 7-4f (2-4-6 £11.17). 11.43 Sarahs Hope Evensf (4-1-6 £7.09). 12.01 Donegal Cashout 9-2 (2-4-6 £16.21). 12.18 Chanceme Richi 11-4 (5-3-1 £7.65). 12.34 Baby Centurion 4-5f (3-6-1 £3.34 TC £5.61). 12.51 Droopys Kendall 8-1 (2-4-1 £35.98). 1.08 Willows Hope 15-8f (4-5-1 £12.87). 1.26 In Between Days 7-4f (5-6-3 £11.07). 1.42 Liffeyside Oak 5-1 (1-4-6 £10.94). 1.59 Watermill Mya 2-1jt (5-6-1 £31.73). 2.14 Swift Tear 2-1f (2-6-5 £11.70 TC £23.76).**

■**SHEFFIELD: 2.29 March On Kit 11-4 (4-5-1 BAGS F £20.92). 2.48 Alien Bat 8-15f (5-6-3 £22.71). 3.07 Ritasueandbobtoo 10-11f (6-2-1 £5.95). 3.26 Sandwood Mia 9-4 (2-1-3 £8.78). 3.44 Ballintee Roxy 1-3f (1-2-3 £9.27). 4.03 What A Storm 3-1 (2-1-4 £14.22). 4.22 Ari Up 4-7f (1-4-5 £2.07). 4.41 Sheffield Bella 9-4f (2-1-3 £10.20 TC £23.87). 4.59 Ridgedale Mazza 5-1 (3-1-4 £16.66). 5.18 Aero Noduff 10-3 (4-2-6 £6.97). 5.37 Holding Aero 6-5f (4-6-3 £8.49). 5.56 Countess Penny 5-1 (4-6-5 £16.33 TC £68.01).**

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WINDSOR

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

TEMPLEGATE

5.13 ..... Sunday Girl
5.48 .. CAMARDA RC (nap)
6.18 ..... Morcar
6.48 ..... Berkshire Boom
7.18 ..... Angel Summer
7.48 ..... Dragon God

TOM PEPPER

5.13 ..... Just Dreaming
5.48 ..... Regalism
6.18 ..... Raulin
6.48 ..... Buckland Belle
7.18 ..... Cape Toronada
7.48 ..... Darkened Edge

■TIC-TAC: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight. ■DRAW: High hold a slight advantage in sprints. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 31-227, W Haggas 29-130, R Hannon 24-219, A Balding 22-149. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 10, D Cunha 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): Ó Murphy 57-237, T Marquand 47-318, R Ryan 46-259, R Hornby 25-250. THIS SEASON: Ó Murphy 12, R Ryan 10. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Magic Lady Mae (7.18) trip of 350 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

5.13 MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE UK RACING FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (Class 4); £5,400; 6f. (5 runners)

1 (3) **5- ENCORE 343** W Haggas 4-9-5 ..... **Tom Marquand 96**
2 (4) 5-42 **CERCIS 9** J Gleeson 3-9-2 ..... **Benoit Sayette 95**
3 (1) 5-752 **JUST DREAMING 12** E J-Houghton 3-9-2 ..... **Oliver Carmichael (7) 97**
4 (2) **QUEEN OF HOPE** J Jones 3-9-2 ..... **Hector Crouch —**
5 (5) 3- **SUNDAY GIRL 361** E Walker 3-9-2 ..... **Kieran Shoemark ●99**

BETTING: 5-4 Sunday Girl, 4 Encore, 5 Just Dreaming, 6 Cercis, 10 Queen Of Hope
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Margorie 3-8-9 Oliver Carmichael 40-1 (E J-Houghton) drawn 8, 7 ran.

5.48 JUDDMONTE EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (2); 2-y-o; winner £15,462; 1m. (10 runners)

1 (8) 1 **CAMARDA RC 25** R Hannon 9-7 ..... **Sean Levey ●99**
2 (1) **DISTANT SUN** E Dunlop 9-4 ..... **Jason Watson —**
3 (5) 53 **REGALISM 18** W Haggas 9-4 ..... **Tom Marquand 96**
4 (7) **AETHELSTAN GOLD** H Charlton 9-1 ..... **Lewis Edmunds —**
5 (9) 06 **BANGED UP 25** E J-Houghton 9-1 ..... **Charles Bishop 86**
6 (3) 5 **BISCAYSIAN 22** M Bell 9-1 ..... **Hector Crouch 90**
7 (10) 53 **SON OF A FISH 9** R Hannon 9-1 ..... **Pat Dobbs 93**
8 (2) **THE SERGEON** O Cole 9-1 ..... **Kieran Shoemark —**
9 (4) 86 **HOOSTHAT 18** W Muir & C Grassick 8-12 ..... **Callum Shepherd 80**
10 (6) 62 **NAKILA SUN 42** A Balding 8-12 ..... **Oisin Murphy 97**

BETTING: 2 Camarda Rc, 3 Nakila Sun, 6 Regalism, Aethelstan Gold, 8 The Sergeon
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3-7
2025: Explosion 9-3 Silvestre De Sousa 3-1 (C Johnston) drawn 3, 10 ran.

6.18 PLAY FREE 20,000 MATCHBOOK MATCH 6 HANDICAP (4) £5,653; 1m 3f (7 runners)

1 56-215 **MELEK ALREEH 44**
(4) D Simcock 7-10-2 ..... **Rossa Ryan 95**
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (F,3A) Places: 5 £38,102
Won at Wolves before shocking effort at Newmarket effort, bit to prove

2 -76231 **RAULIN 68 (T★)**
(5) G & J Moore 4-10-2 ..... **Jason Watson 98**
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 1 £32,035
Consistent, battled gamely to win at Ripon latest, can cope with 3lb rise

3 5-0634 **PERCIVAL 23**
(2) D Cunha 4-10-0 ..... **David Egan 92**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (S) £17,613
Respectable efforts in defeat, but others look better treated for this contest

4 056126 **MORCAR 32 (B;C)**
(7) R Hannon 6-9-9 ..... **Pat Dobbs 94**
Runs: 30 Wins: 5 (5F) Places: 5 £51,473
Course winner, below best at Sandown last time and has stamina to prove

5 263433 **JUST AN HOUR 14 (C)**
(6) B Millman 6-9-4 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 95**
Runs: 34 Wins: 4 (2F,G) Places: 8 £49,655
Course winner, likely to run with credit but hcapper knows all about him

6 476231 **TAI HANG PEGASUS 18**
(3) C Fellowes 3-9-1 ..... **Paddy Bradley ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £17,104
Convincing Brighton winner who commands respect despite a 6lb rise

7 232132 **CAPE FEAR 22**
(1) A Balding 3-9-0 ..... **Oisin Murphy 97**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 5 £20,349
Consistent with sound claims if cope with this higher grade, dangerous

BETTING: 3 Tai Hang Pegasus, 7-2 Raulin, 4 Cape Fear, 6 Percival
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5
2025: Yorkshire Lady 7-9-8, C Lee 25-1 (M & D Easterby), drw 9, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CAPE FEAR (8-11) 5-6f one pace, 3rd of 5 (19l) to Parisian Scholar (8-10)
MELEK ALREEH (10-2) 14-1 weakened 1f out, last (btn) (Newmarket 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £15,462 good to firm).
RAULIN (9-10) 6-1 led 1f out, just held on, bt Spirit Of Jura (9-7) ns (6 ran) (Ripon 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £8,185 good).
PERCIVAL (9-9) 7-2 held up, headway 1f out, unable to get on terms, 4th of 5 (btn 2l) to Bintknight (9-0) (Lingfield 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
PERCIVAL (9-7) 28-1 led, ridden 3f out, headed final 110yds, one pace, 3rd of 6 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Tawajjah (9-9)
MORCAR (9-2) 11-1 weakened over 1f out, last (btn 7¹/₄l) (Sandown 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
JUST AN HOUR (9-5) 9-4 led 6f out, headed 1f out, kept on, 3rd of 6 (1¹/₄l) to Mythological Star (9-8) (Windsor 1¹/₄m hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
TAI HANG PEGASUS (9-1) 9-2 led 2f out, drew clear final 110yds, bt Nibras Gold (10-1) 2³/₄l (5 ran) (Brighton 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £10,468 good to firm).
CAPE FEAR (9-7) 9-4 held up behind leaders, kept on one pace 1f out, btn 5¹/₄l by Tiger (9-12) (9 ran) (Chester 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £7,731 good to firm).

6.48 BET 20 GET 40 FREE BETS MATCHBOOK.COM HCAP (6) 3-Y-O; £3,768; 1m (6 runners)

1 498653 **ECCLEFECHAN 17**
(5) J Ryan 9-9 ..... **Jack Mitchell 92**
Runs: 15 Places: 1 £13,968
Finished well for third over 5f at Musselburgh, but now racing over a mile

2 763250 **BERKSHIRE BOOM 14**
(2) A Balding 9-9 ..... **Oisin Murphy 97**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £14,976
Well treated on earlier form, yard couldn't be in better form, check betting

3 **425275 SUP OF RED 18**
(3) A Wintle 9-6 ..... **David Egan 90**
Runs: 14 Places: 3 £9,858
Well treated on best form, but yet to win a race, others appeal more

4 132213 **BUCKLAND BELLE 19 (BF,CD)**
(4) O Sangster 9-6 ..... **Tom Marquand ●99**
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 3 £14,418
Consistent course-and-distance winner with strong claims in this company

5 -05462 **TORBADOS 14 (B)**
(6) C Hills 9-4 ..... **Rob Hornby 98**
Runs: 11 Places: 3 £5,026
Encouraging second here last time, strong claims from an unchanged mark

6 **9-0965 WHO IS ALICE 47 (H★)**
(1) G Harris 9-3 ..... **Rossa Ryan 87**
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £14,634
Only ever won once, hood on now stepped up in trip, plenty to prove

BETTING: 13-8 Buckland Belle, 11-4 Torbados, 4 Berkshire Boom, 7 Ecclefechan, 12 Who Is Alice, 16 Sup Of Red
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Lemurian 9-8, R Havlin 15-2 (J & T Gosden), drw 3, 12 ran.

7.18 MATCHBOOK LOVES RACING HANDICAP (6) 3-Y-O; winner £3,768; 6f (9 runners)

1 242611 **MOLLY MAC 10 (D)**
(6) M Fenton (Ire) 9-9 ..... **Grace McEntee 98**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 6 £16,340
Progressive, won last two starts and should be able to cope with a 4lb rise

2 **544 STAR OBSESSION 194 (T★)**
(2) W Haggas 9-8 ..... **Tom Marquand 97**
Runs: 3 £1,268
Unexposed, bred to be a Group filly, drops in trip on hcap debut, shortlist

3 **5-9462 VENETIAN ROMANCE 55**
(3) M Attwater 9-7 ..... **Kieren Fox 95**
Runs: 7 Places: 2 £2,974
Runner-up at Brighton, could benefit from returning to sprinting, go well

4 642141 **CAPE TORONADA 19 (D)**
(7) A Carroll 9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £10,908
Won with plenty in hand at Brighton, strong claims despite a 3lb rise

5 275746 **KOFFEE AND KALE 11**
(8) M Bell 9-6 ..... **Hector Crouch 92**
Runs: 13 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 3 £10,810
Falling in the weights, but recent efforts offer limited encouragement

6 464428 **BEACH PARTEE 11 (V;D)**
(5) S Dixon 9-1 ..... **Tyler Heard ●99**
Runs: 24 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 2 £18,970
Disappointing over track & trip last time, capable of better but bit to prove

7 **0-9306 HELLCAT 48**
(1) R Burdon 8-13 ..... **William Carver 86**
Runs: 8 Places: 1 £2,652
Well treated on earlier form, but recent performances remain unconvincing

8 364965 **ANGEL SUMMER 23 (T★)**
(9) P Owens 8-11 ..... **Benoit Sayette 88**
Runs: 8 £2,360
Maiden, first-time tongue-tie and return to 6f could inspire improvement

9 770605 **MAGIC LADY MAE 16 (P★)**
(4) L Mullaney 8-9 ..... **Alec Voikhansky 77**
Runs: 9 Places: 1 £1,227
Out of form, but first-time cheekpieces might transform her, check betting

BETTING: 5-2 Molly Mac, 7-2 Cape Toronada, 4 Star Obsession, 6 Koffee And Kale, 7 Venetian Romance, 10 Angel Summer, 12 Hellcat
WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

7.48 WINDSOR HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,768; 5f. (9 runners)

1 (5) 6470-66 **OUR PLANET 16 (D)** M Keady 4-9-12 ..... **Callum Shepherd 89**
2 (9) 2535-85 **TRAFALGER 31** B Case 5-9-9 ..... **Benoit Sayette 91**
3 (7) **758R53 JUST JUMP 20 (CD)** A Carroll 4-9-9 ..... **Rossa Ryan 97**
4 (8) **2116576 DESDEMONA 63 (D)** M Attwater 4-9-7 ..... **Paddy Bradley 89**
5 (3) 58-3411 **DARKENED EDGE 40 (D)** C Mason 6-9-6 ..... **Gina Mangan ●99**
6 (4) 3772625 **FAUSTUS 19 (BF,D)** R Cook & J Bridger 8-9-3 ..... **Jack Mitchell 95**
7 (6) 4205/03 **THE BEAR OF SAINTS 41 (H★)** J O'Shea 4-9-3 ..... **Charles Bishop 90**
8 (2) 3652313 **DRAGON GOD 17 (D)** A Carroll 4-9-3 ..... **Tom Marquand 97**
9 (1) **3189080 EM JAY KAY 10 (D)** P McEntee 7-8-13 ..... **Grace McEntee 78**

BETTING: 9-4 Darkened Edge, 7-2 Just Jump, 4 Dragon God, 7 Faustus, 10 Trafalger
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

BALLINROBE

GOING: GOOD

EAMONN HAMES

4.51 ..... Coolishael
5.26 ..... O'grady Cracker (nb)
6.00 ..... Amina
6.30 ..... MY GOOD PAL (nap)
7.00 ..... Addragoole
7.30 ..... Rusty Harkness
8.00 ..... Elegantemente

TOM PEPPER

4.51 ..... Coolishael
5.26 ..... Manoir De Mirande
6.00 ..... Cool Native
6.30 ..... Gerrys Wish
7.00 ..... Bunting
7.30 ..... Jeroboam Machin
8.00 ..... Zara's Dream

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed sharp track of 1m 4f, four hurdles and six fences per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): W P Mullins 24-79, G Elliott 22-165, P J Rothwell 13-104, H De Bromhead 9-67. THIS SEASON: G Elliott 4, W P Mullins 2, H De Bromhead 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D Mullins 12-67, D J O'Keeffe 11-124, D King 11-74, D Gilligan 11-61. THIS SEASON: D Mullins 3, S Ewing 3, D J O'Keeffe 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Elusive Truce (4.51) & Free A Minute (6.00) trained at Tipperary. Round trip of 230 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: W P Mullins won the 8.00 in 2021 & 2023. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.51 CONDITIONAL MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €8,400; 2m 2f. (18 runners)

1 **34-5 COLLIERS QUAY 25** E McCarthy 5-11-12 **T O'Connor (4)**
2 3-32 **COOLISHAEL 79** R O'Sullivan 5-11-12 ..... **E Staples (2)**
3 **6077 DISCRETE 5** G O'Connor 5-11-12 ..... **T Kelly (4)**
4 -P00 **LASTOFTHENATIVES 21 (H★)** W Burke 5-11-12 . **E Finegan (2)**
5 /0FP **MINELLA POST 23** T Gibney 7-11-12 ..... **J Smith**
6 **NOHARMINTRYING** A Howard 5-11-12 ..... **P Smithers (2)**
7 P8 **NOTHINTODOWITHME 10** B Murphy 5-11-12. **J Gilligan (2)**
8 3-9 **SANKOFA 21** D Kelly 5-11-12 ..... **R Condon (2)**
9 P-PP **TOMMY GO MAITH 18** T McGettigan 5-11-12. **S Markey (4)**
10 PP-5 **VARGAS 15** G Elliott 5-11-12 ..... **J Williamson**
11 00 **GREEN GRASS 11** P Flynn 4-11-9 ..... **K Healy (4)**
12 **MYHERO LA COLMINE** P Gilligan 4-11-9 **D O'Connor (4)**
13 **ELUSIVE TRUCE** C Keegan 6-11-5 ..... **C Smithers (4)**
14 P00 **LEVA DEVA 14** D Collins 5-11-5 ..... **C Hogan (2)**
15 **P-57 ROLL IT ROISIN 39** D Kelly 5-11-5 ..... **A McGuinness (4)**
16 676 **LEXENNA 14** D Collins 5-11-5 ..... **RESERVE**
17 **P-6 BEYOND FORGIVENESS 21** D Kelly 5-11-12 .. **RESERVE**
18 **DON'T TELL PADDY** E McCarthy 4-11-9 ..... **RESERVE**

Coolishael ●99, Minella Post 97, Colliers Quay 93.
2 Coolishael, 3 Minella Post, 8 Colliers Quay, Myhero La Colmine

5.26 HANDICAP HURDLE; 4-y-o; winner €12,000; 2m 2f. (6 runners)

1 7112 **MANOIR DE MIRANDE 18 (C)** G Elliott 11-12 **J Halford (7)**
2 0-11 **O'GRADY CRACKER 21 (V;D)** A Slattery 11-9 ..... **J Slevin**
3 -654 **HOUNDSWORTH 14** M McNiff 10-7 ..... **A King (7)**
4 R560 **WILLIAM F BROWNE 5** P Flynn 10-5 ..... **D King**
5 -912 **OCEAN MURPHY 16 (BF)** P Rothwell 10-4 ... **D O'Keeffe**
6 0-54 **NILE STAR 43** R O'Sullivan 10-1 ..... **S Markey (7)**

O'grady Cracker ●99, Ocean Murphy 98, Manoir De Mirande 97.
6-5 O'grady Cracker, 11-4 Manoir De Mirande, 10-3 Ocean Murphy, 13-2 Houndsworth, 12 Nile Star, 25 William F Browne

Sun FORM

MANOIR DE MIRANDE (11-6) 3-1 tracked leaders, went 2nd before 2 out, stayed on flat, btn 2³/₄l by Luker's Tipple (11-10) (5 ran) (Sligo 2¹/₄m nov hdle €9,000 good).
O'GRADY CRACKER (11-3) 6-4 fav led 3 out, travelled strongly last, asserted run-in, easily, bt Diamond Tipp (11-4) 8l (18 ran) (Cork 2¹/₄m hcap hdle €7,200 good).
HOUNDSWORTH (10-7) 20-1 towards rear, not fluent 2 out, ridden last, soon no extra, 4th of 14 (btn 2¹/₄l) to Koeur A Prendre (10-10) (Ballinrobe 2m hcap hdle €7,200 good).
WILLIAM F BROWNE (11-8) 16-1 led, ridden and headed 4 out, weakened, tailed off, 12th of 13 (well btn) to Calm Flight Ahead (10-1) (Sligo 2¹/₄m hcap hdle €6,000 good).
OCEAN MURPHY (11-1) 13-8 fav tracked leader, took closer order after 10th, led 4 out, headed 2 out, no impression on winner closing stages, btn 3l by Harpy Eagle (11-0) (6 ran) (Wexford 2¹/₄m hcap hdle €7,200 good).
NILE STAR (11-1) 8-1 tracked leaders, 3rd halfway, ridden before 2 out, no extra in 4th entering straight, kept on one pace, 4th of 12 (btn 14l) to Unknown Fortune (11-5) (Sligo 2m 1f mdn hdle €7,200 good to yielding).

6.00 MARES MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 6f. (13 runners)

1 -217 **GOODGOLLYMISSHOLLY 38** G Elliott 5-11-7 **J Gainford**
2 25-3 **AMINA 71 (BF)** J McConnell 6-10-13 ..... **A Harvey**
3 05-2 **CLASH GOLD 76** F Flood 7-10-13 ..... **M O'Connor**
4 U4-3 **COOL NATIVE 41** G Elliott 6-10-13 ..... **J Kennedy**
5 **DAPHNE BLAKE** P Maher 6-10-13 ..... **J Shinnick**
6 0P0 **DOESTHATMAKESENSE 31** E Seymour 5-10-13. **T O'Connor (7)**
7 P400 **FREE A MINUTE 21** C Keegan 7-10-13 .... **C Smithers (7)**
8 0-4 **I DONT REALLY CARE 18** R Hackett 5-10-13 ..... **D King**
9 83F- **LABONDANCE 286 (T★)** E Mullins 5-10-13 ..... **D Meyler**
10 04-6 **RUN FOR POWER 17** C Byrnes 6-10-13 ..... **P Byrnes**
11 -3 **CASTLE GARDEN 106** D Hassett 4-10-9 ..... **J Slevin**
12 70 **GUNNER GIRL 23** S Carey 4-10-9 ..... **C Stone-Walsh**
13 36-4 **RONNIE'S RASCAL 49 (T★;BF)** W P Mullins 4-10-9 **B Hayes**

Cool Native ●99, Amina 97, Ronnie's Rascal 96.
3 Cool Native, 7-2 Amina, 4 Ronnie's Rascal, 13-2 Run For Power, 7 Clash Gold, 8 Labondance, 10 Goodgollymissholly

6.30 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 6f. (16 runners)

1 -333 **GIORGIA ROSE 31** E Mullins 6-11-12 ..... **D Meyler**
2 5/04 **JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN 34** G Keane 9-11-9 **E Finegan (5)**
3 -8P2 **GERRYS WISH 32 (B)** G Elliott 5-11-8 ..... **J Kennedy**
4 0/U0 **THE VEGAS RAIDER 14 (V;C)** K Heffernan 8-11-6 **D Gilligan**
5 0000 **ANCIENT MYTH 39 (B★)** N Glynn 5-11-5 ..... **S Fitzgerald**
6 -004 **BARRYROE MADAM 32 (H)** T O'Brien 7-11-5 **J Shinnick**
7 U852 **MY GOOD PAL 15** G Cromwell 7-11-5 .. **Mr B Coonan (7)**
8 PF89 **IT'S TIME AGAIN 14 (CD)** D Barry 10-11-2 **L McKenna (3)**
9 0080 **BALLYMINNION BOY 17 (H★)** E McCarthy 6-11-1 **G Noonan**
10 PP37 **RANGER BILLY 14** K Heffernan 10-10-13 ..... **J Slevin**
11 009/ **BLACKWATER SOLDIER 1038** D Harry 9-10-11 **D O'Keeffe**
12 46-5 **CHANCEITLUCKY 14** A Murray 7-10-11 ..... **S Flanagan**
13 -406 **FINE PRINT F9** J McConnell 5-10-10 ..... **A Harvey**
14 64F1 **PHILDANTE 32** E Doyle 9-10-8 ..... **J Halford (7)**
15 08R0 **TAWNY LEA 31** T Coyle 6-10-7 ..... **P Byrnes**
16 /3-2 **PRINCESS FELICIA 11 (BF)** D Kelly 7-10-6 **P Smithers (5)**
17 0844 **TANTRUM BOY 20** B McMahon 6-10-7 ..... **RESERVE**
18 087/ **BUT WHAT ABOUT ME 500** B Murphy 8-10-9 **RESERVE**
19 900- **ST ANTHONYS CORNER 327 (C)** N Lee 6-10-12. **RESERVE**

Princess Felicia ●99, Phildante 98, My Good Pal 97.
11-4 Phildante, 7-2 Princess Felicia, 5 My Good Pal, 11-2 Gerrys Wish, 15-2 Giorgia Rose, 10 Barryroe Madam

7.00 RATED CHASE; winner €9,600; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 90-6 **ADDRAGOOLE 24 (D)** G Cromwell 7-11-7 .. **K Donoghue**
2 3185 **MA JACKS HILL 16 (B)** G Elliott 6-11-7 ..... **J Halford (7)**
3 4-66 **RUNCOK 22 (H;D)** J McConnell 6-11-7 ..... **J Slevin**
4 7-423 **BOWENSONFIRE 2 (H)** G Elliott 6-11-2 ..... **J Kennedy**
5 9-66 **BUNTING 23** W P Mullins 6-11-2 ..... **D Mullins**
6 625-6 **JAZZY MATTY 2** C Collins 7-11-2 ..... **D Gilligan**

Jazzy Matty ●99, Addragoole 97, Bowensonfire 96.
9-4 Jazzy Matty, 5-2 Bowensonfire, 10-3 Addragoole, 9-2 Bunting, 7 Runcok, 14 Ma Jacks Hill

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ADDRAGOOLE (11-8) 28-1 one pace 2 out, 6th of 20 (btn 17l) to Kings Hill (10-13) (Galway 2¹/₄m hcap ch €47,999 good).
MA JACKS HILL (11-6) 13-2 no extra last, 5th of 8 (btn 8l) to Rexem (10-11) (Kilbeggan 2¹/₂m hcap ch €15,000 good).
RUNCOK (10-9) 50-1 towards rear, slight mistake 5 out, ridden last, kept on one pace, 6th of 11 (btn 19l) to Blood Destiny (11-12) (Galway 2¹/₄m hcap ch €18,000 good).
BOWENSONFIRE (11-12) 9-2 tracked leaders, closed 2 out, went 2nd 100 yards out, stayed on, btn 3l by Frankie John (11-12) (10 ran) (Galway 2¹/₄m beg ch €10,200 good).
BUNTING (11-4) 9-1 prominent, led 2 out, headed last, no extra run-in, 6th of 20 (8l) to Grann's Boy (10-13) (Galway 2¹/₂m Listed hcap hdle (1) €65,999 good to yielding).
JAZZY MATTY (11-4) 5-1 fav mid-division, headway last, not pace to challenge, 5th of 22 (2¹/₄l) to Wellington Arch (11-11) (Aintree 2¹/₄m hcap hdle (1) £22,202 good to soft).

7.30 BEGINNERS CHASE; winner €7,500; 2m 7f. (9 runners)

1 3-37 **DONNIE DEVITO 24** R O'Sullivan 7-11-12 ..... **D Gilligan**
2 P-27 **FOU DE TOI 22** W P Mullins 5-11-12 ..... **D King**
3 -432 **JEROBOAM MACHIN 26** E Mullins 7-11-12 ..... **D Meyler**
4 4-54 **KEVIN'S PRIDE 45** J McConnell 7-11-12 ..... **J Slevin**
5 U-BP **MAVERICK MACK 78** G Elliott 5-11-12 ..... **S Ewing**
6 -233 **MICKIE ANGEL 16 (BF)** D Hogan 8-11-12 ..... **S Flanagan**
7 5-28 **RUSTY HARKNESS 31** H Bromhead 6-11-12 **D O'Keeffe**
8 09-0 **SLURRICANE 23** R O'Sullivan 5-11-12 ..... **K Donoghue**
9 6326 **JOLIE JEWEL 27 (H)** B McMahon 7-11-5 ..... **P Enright**

Rusty Harkness ●99, Jeroboam Machin 98, Donnie Devito 96.
10-3 Rusty Harkness, 4 Jeroboam Machin, 5 Mickie Angel, 11-2 Donnie Devito, 6 Slurricane, 8 Fou De Toi, 10 Kevin's Pride

8.00 FILLIES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT; 4-y-o; winner €6,601; 2m. (12 runners)

1 F0- **AILBHES GIFT 252 (T★)** P Roche 11-5 . **Miss A O'Connor**
2 **ELEGANTEMENTE** H Bromhead 11-5 ..... **Mr J Gleeson**
3 **HEE HILES** T Walsh 11-5 ..... **Mr L P Shanahan (7)**
4 5 **INDOOR SPORT 45 (H)** H McLoughlin 11-5 **Mr F Maguire**
5 2-8 **MASTERTOWN MISS 118** D Kelly 11-5 ..... **Mr A Ryan (5)**
6 **QUEENS COUNSEL (T★)** E Mullins 11-5. **Mr B Stone (7)**
7 6 **RATHNALEEN AJ 17** E McCarthy 11-5 ..... **D Doyle (7)**
8 54 **RIVER MOY 18** T Coyle 11-5 ..... **Mr B Coonan (7)**
9 7 **SHE MEANS BUSINESS 20 (H)** P Fahey 11-5 **Mr D Lavery**
10 52-3 **SHE WAS THE ONE 23** D Hogan 11-5 ..... **Mr H Swan**
11 3 **THE LODGE LANE 16** T Lacey 11-5 ..... **Mr S Connor (7)**
12 **ZARA'S DREAM** W P Mullins 11-5 ..... **Mr P Mullins**

The Lodge Lane ●99, River Moy 98, She Was The One 97.
2 Zara's Dream, 5 The Lodge Lane, 11-2 She Was The One

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HEAD BOY . . . local lad Jack Hinshelwood nods his first — and Brighton's third — as Villa are thumped 4-0

FAB FOUR

Hurz's Seagulls off to a flier

By JOSHUA HALL

FABIAN HURZELER warned Jack Hinshelwood's improvement will spell "danger" for the rest of the Premier League.

Hinshelwood bagged two goals in two minutes as Brighton smashed Europa League winners Aston Villa 4-0 at the Amex Stadium yesterday.

The Worthing-born midfielder added to Victor Lindelof's own goal and Maxim De Cuyper's finish as the Seagulls ran riot in the first half to fly to the top of the table.

Brighton boss Hurzeler was full of praise for academy graduate Hinshelwood, 21, who was the star of the show on the South Coast.

The German said: "He is not a guy who needs many touches to create danger in the opponents' box.

"It is something special that really helps us. If you always rely on ball touches to do well, then everybody comes towards you.

"If you don't create this dynamic then you can't score goals.

"But he is always there. He's very intense with the ball.

"He took another step during pre-season so I am very happy with him. Hopefully he can continue like this."

Brighton scored all four of their

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PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

BRENTFORD (2) 3 TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Lewis-Potter 12
Janelt 33
Kayode 49
Att 17,180

Brentford: Kelleher, Kayode (Hickey 76), Ajer, Collins, Lewis-Potter, Janelt, Sangare (Damsgaard 76), Ouattara (Anthony 67), Jensen (Yarmolyuk 67), Schade, Thiago (Wilson 83). Subs not used: Valdimarsson, Henry, Pinnock, Schuster. Booked: Janelt.

Tottenham Hotspur: Kinsky, Gray (Udogie 86), van Hecke, Senesi, Robertson, Tonali, Bergvall (Bentancur 46), Moore (Maddison 67), Gallagher (Fernandes 46), Tel, Richarlison (Solanke 68). Subs not used: Dubravka, Danso, Davies, Williams-Barnet. Booked: Gallagher.

EVERTON (1) 2 CRYSTAL PAL (0) 0
Dewsbury-Hall 42
Barry 53
Att 51,820

Everton: Pickford, Rohl, Tarkowski, Branthwaite, Mykolenko, Armstrong, Hackney (Garner 79), Ndiaye, Dewsbury-Hall (Alcaraz 90), George (Johnson 84), Barry (Beto 79). Subs not used: Travers, Patterson, Keane, O'Brien, Dibling.

Crystal Palace: Henderson, Canvot, Richards, Riad (Tomiyasu 73), Munoz (Khalaili 56), Wharton, Kamada, Mitchell, McNeil (Guessand 63), Nketiah (Pino 56), Mateta (Larsen 63). Subs not used: Benitez, Hughes, Sosa, Mingueza. Booked: Kamada.

HULL (2) 2 MAN. UTD (0) 0
Ajayi 17
Mendy 38
Att 24,470

Hull: Tzolakis, Coyle (Drameh 70), Ajayi (McNair 64), Egan, Mendy (Herrington 64), Giles (Targett 85), Belloumi, Crooks, Slater, Stroud (Millar 71), McBurnie. Subs not used: Phillips, Hjerto-Dahl, Dowell, Gouna-Douath. Booked: Crooks, Millar.

Man Utd: Lammens, Mazraoui (Dalot 80), Maguire, Heaven, Shaw, Tielemans (Mainoo 67), Santos (Sesko 67), Mbeumo, Fernandes, Dorgu (Rashford 46), Cunha (Lacey 80). Subs not used: Darlow, Martinez, Zirkzee, Yoro. Booked: Dorgu.

IPSWICH (1) 2 SUNDERLAND (1) 1
Emersonn 24
Clarke 90
Att 29,669
Angulo 39

Ipswich: Scherpen, O'Shea, Diop, Greaves, Davis, Nunez (Walle 80), Lukic, Fatawu (McAteer 66), Enciso (Clarke 71), Maeda (Ouattara 81), Emersonn (Akpom 66). Subs not used: Walton, Furlong, Kipre, Humphreys.

Sunderland: Roefs, Meunier, Ballard, O'Nien (Alderete 67), Mandava, Sadiki, Xhaka, Hume (Rigg 80), Le Fee (Diarra 80), Angulo (Talbi 59), Brobbey (Isidor 67). Subs not used: Ellborg, Mundle, Mukiele, Ta Bi. Booked: Angulo, Ballard, O'Nien.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 LEEDS (0) 1
Att 30,739
Stach 88

Nottm Forest: Sels, Jair Cunha, Milenkovic, Murillo (Kalimuendo 90), Aina (Netz 74), McAtee (Schlager 74), Sangare, Williams, Ndoye (Wood 62), Gibbs-White, Igor Jesus. Subs not used: John Victor, Dimomande, Hudson-Odoi, Dominguez, Abbott. Booked: Aina, Jair Cunha.

Leeds: Trafford, Rodon, Bijol, Muharemovic, Bogle, Stach, Ampadu, Justin, Wilson (Okafor 66), Aaronson (Longstaff 82), Calvert-Lewin. Subs not used: Lucas Perri, James, Nmecha, Tanaka, Elved, Cresswell, Lienou. Booked: Calvert-Lewin.

PLAYED YESTERDAY

BRIGHTON (4) 4 ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Lindelof 8 (og)
De Cuyper 18
Hinshelwood 30, 31
Att 31,746

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hull	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Man City	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Newcastle	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bournemouth	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Nottm Forest	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Man Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Coventry	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Tottenham	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Brighton: Verbruggen, Wieffer (Yohanna 78), Vuskovic, Dunk, Boscagli, Gross, Ayari (Costinha 64), Gomez (Yalcouye 86), Hinshelwood (Kostoulas 64), De Cuyper (Osman 78), Rutter. Subs not used: Steele, Struijk, David, Svoboda. Booked: Ayari, Gross.

Aston Villa: Bizot, Cash, Lindelof, Torres (Mings 74), Maatsen (Ruggeri 82), Kamara, Joao Gomes, McGinn (Edward 82), Barkley (Bogarde 74), Hemmings, Buendia (Garnacho 86). Subs not used: Suzuki, Rowe, Burrowes, Lynch. Booked: Cash, Joao Gomes, McGinn. Sent-off: Joao Gomes.

MAN. CITY (0) 2 AFC B'MOUTH (1) 1
Guehi 84
Gvardiol 90
Tavernier 26
Att 60,645

Man City: Donnarumma, Lewis (Matheus Luiz 57), Khusanov, Dias, Gvardiol, Anderson (Kovacic 63), Guehi, Foden (Grealish 82), O'Reilly (Cherki 63), Semenyo, Haaland. Subs not used: Rulli, Marmoush, Gonzalez, Ait Nouri, Vitor Reis. Booked: Foden.

AFC Bournemouth: Petrovic, Smith, Hill, Silva, Truffert, Cook (Adams 76), Scott, Rayan (Doak 89), Kluivert (Toth 75), Tavernier, Evanilson (Jebbison 75). Subs not used: Dennis, Brooks, Diakite, Sanchez, Rodriguez. Booked: Evanilson, Silva.

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 LIVERPOOL (0) 2
Elanga 5
Willock 57
Gakpo 55
Szoboszlai 90 (pen)
Att 52,630

Newcastle: Hornicek, Dedic, Thiaw, Botman, Hall, Steur (Ramsey 56), Miley (Bamba 76), Elanga (Murphy 76), Wissa (Schar 90), Barnes, Osula (Willock 56). Subs not used: Jaouen, Toure, Woltemade, Shahar. Booked: Hornicek, Miley, Murphy, Ramsey, Wissa.

Liverpool: Alisson, Frimpong, Jacquet (Araujo 70), van Dijk, Kerkez, Szoboszlai, Gravenberch (Koumas 78), Ngumoha (Munoz 63), Wirtz (Mac Allister 63), Gakpo, Isak. Subs not used: Mamardashvili, Endo, Tsimikas, Nyoni, McConnell. Booked: Frimpong, Kerkez, van Dijk.

PLAYED FRIDAY

ARSENAL (2) 3 COVENTRY (0) 0
Havertz 15, Saka 23
Odegaard 49
Att 60,098

Arsenal: Raya, White, Mosquera, Gabriel, Calafiori (Hincapie 81), Lewis-Skelly, Rice (Zubimendi 68), Saka (Madueke 68), Odegaard (Merino 76), Tzolis (Eze 76), Havertz. Subs not used: Arrizabalaga, Gyokeres, Nwaneri, Dowman. Booked: Gabriel.

Coventry: Rushworth, van Ewijk, Thomas, Amenda, Dasilva, Grimes, Tchaouna (Hamer 82), Yirenkyi (Overgaard 62), Onyeka, Thomas-Asante (Rudoni 70), Simms (Awoniyi 70). Subs not used: Wilson, Sakamoto, Kitching, Latibeaudiere, Eccles. Booked: Yirenkyi.

DOWN EMERY LANE

ASTON VILLA have won only ONE of their last six opening day Premier League games.

Yet despite the poor record, Unai Emery's side have gone on to finish in the top seven in each of the last four seasons he has been in charge.

VILLA'S OPENING-DAY WOES

		Final pos
2021-22 Watford (a)	L 3-2	14th
2022-23 Bournemouth (a)	L 2-0	7th
2023-24 Newcastle (a)	L 5-1	4th
2024-25 West Ham (a)	W 2-1	6th
2025-26 Newcastle (h)	D 0-0	4th
2026-27 Brighton (a)	L 4-0	N/A

SHORN

Horror for Villa having

By JOSHUA HALL

UNAI EMERY will have known this season was going to be difficult after his squad was raided during the summer transfer window.

But not even the most pessimistic of Aston Villa fans could have imagined the nightmare that unfolded on the South Coast yesterday.

Brighton tore apart their visitors with ease, notching **FOUR** goals in the first half without response as they cruised to the top of the Premier League.

Aston Villa's team has been shorn of stars this summer with Morgan Rogers, Ezri Konsa, Youri Tielemans and Lucas Digne all leaving Villa Park.

Emery was also missing both Ollie Watkins and Emiliano Martinez amid speculation around their futures.

Add in the fact that £52million star signing Johan Manzambi and pre-season wonderkid Brian Madjo were both unavailable through injury, and Villa's shortcomings begin to make sense.

Brighton.....4
Lindelof (og) 8; De Cuyper 18; Hinshelwood 30, 31
Aston Villa.....0

Emery had three teenage academy players on the bench and had to use Emi Buendia as a makeshift striker.

But Brighton were without a number of stars themselves.

Liverpool target Yankuba Minteh was left out of the squad, with Carlos Baleba also absent as he edges closer to his £70m move to Manchester United.

However, Fabian Hurzeler's side – who were also playing off the back of a 0-0 Conference League play-off first leg at Tromso in the Arctic Circle on Thursday – looked comparatively unaffected.

Villa actually came closest to opening the scoring as Buendia racked up **THREE** misses in the first seven minutes.

Emery will surely have been wondering if Watkins would have buried them.

Asked about the striker's absence pre-game, given the England man's links to Saudi Arabian side Al-Hilal, Emery bizarrely replied by saying: "Silence."

Just 60 seconds after former Norwich man Buendia blasted a shot past Bart Verbruggen's upright, Brighton went up the other end and opened the scoring.

Pau Torres played a terrible pass into his own box that landed straight at the feet of Maxim De Cuyper.

The Belgian unleashed a shot on a virtually open goal, with Marco Bizot –

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goals in the opening 31 minutes as they blew Villa away, despite being without a host of star players.

It was not only the home side's forward players who impressed.

Hurzeler waxed lyrical about debutant Luka Vuskovic, who joined the Seagulls from Tottenham this summer for a club-record £46million fee.

The Croatian centre-back, 19, looked like a Premier League stalwart against Villa despite having never previously played in the competition.

Brighton boss Hurzeler *(left)* admitted: "I can't say I expected it.

"He is a mature guy and in certain moments you still see that he wants to play, play, play.

"There are moments when he needs to find more serious solutions.

"He is very young but has adapted quickly to the demands in the Premier League. He adjusted his physicality and his personality.

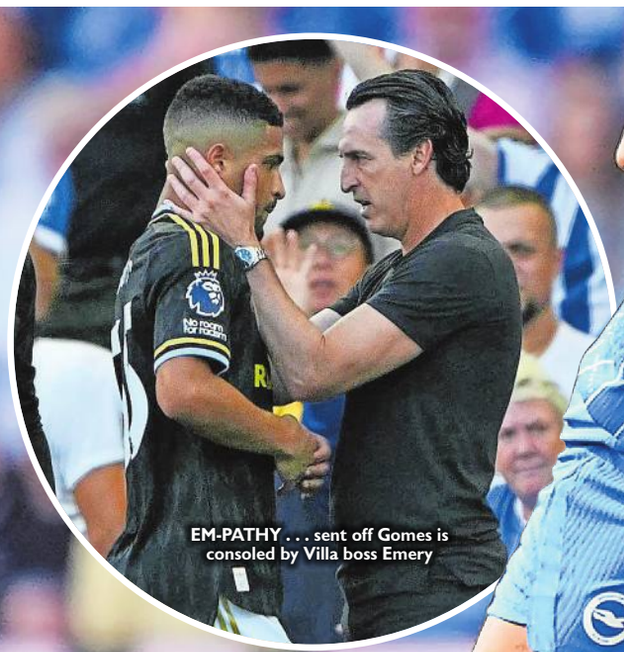
"His mindset is outstanding.

"He is a winner. Luka's mentality is to improve every day — to listen every day is very positive.

"We are very happy with him.

"It was a good first start, but I think it is very important now to stay humble and don't put too much into him.

"Let him do his work."



EM-PATHY . . . sent off Gomes is consoled by Villa boss Emery

MATCH STATS

BRIGHTON		ASTON VILLA
21	SHOTS	6
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	0
73%	POSSESSION	27%
642	PASSES	240
598	COMPLETED PASSES	182
35	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	4
5	CORNERS	2
12	FOULS CONCEDED	9
2/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/1
	MATCH TIME: 100m 00s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 52m 41s	

OF THE DREAD lost so many key stars

who was chosen in goal over new signing Zion Suzuki – left in no-man's land. De Cuyper's shot hit a post but rebounded in off Victor Lindelof's chest for an own goal.

And De Cuyper actually did get himself on the scoresheet ten minutes later.

He got on the end of a fizzed ball across from Georginio Rutter and turned it into the back of the net.

Brighton were purring and Europa League champions Villa were shell-shocked.

The misery only got worse when Jack Hinshelwood netted twice in the space of **TWO MINUTES**.

De Cuyper was involved again as he curled a delicious cross to the back post, which was headed goalward by Diego Gomez and nodded home by Hinshelwood.

And before the home fans had stopped singing Hinshelwood's name, he doubled his tally after another Villa mistake.

Yasin Ayari picked new Villa signing Joao Gomes' pocket to play in his 21-year-old team-mate, who calmly tucked home.

It felt only a matter of time before Villa's frustration boiled over.

Gomes, a £34m summer signing from Wolves, obliged when he tumbled to the ground and kicked out at Rutter as Brighton launched a counter-attack.

Referee Peter Bankes missed his moment of madness but a short VAR check saw him get his marching orders.

Gomes was lucky to even be on the pitch that long anyway.

He had already been booked for waving an imaginary card early on and should have been shown a second yellow for a nasty challenge on Ayari.

His red card will be even more frustrating for Emery, who is now another man down for Villa's game against champions Arsenal next Monday night.

Brighton almost added a fifth when Charalampos Kostoulas tucked home a rebound off a post in the second half but VAR intervened to rule it offside.

The Seagulls deserve huge credit for such a win, despite losing last season's 13-goal top-scorer Danny Welbeck – who joined Chelsea this summer.

But Emery's woeful Villa will, rightfully, get most of the attention.

HOW THEY LINED UP

BRIGHTON: Verbruggen, Wieffer (Yohanna 78), Vuskovic, Boscagli, Dunk, Ayari (Costinha 64), Gross, Hinshelwood (Kostoulas 64), Gomez (Valcouye 86), De Cuyper (Osman 78), Rutter.

ASTON VILLA: Bizot, Cash, Torres (Mings 74), Lindelof, Maatsen (Ruggeri 82), Kamara, Barkley (Bogarde 74), Gomez, McGinn (Alysson 82), Hemmings, Buendia (Garnacho 86).

JOAO STUPID . . . Gomes plants his foot into Rutter to earn a red card after a VAR check

LINDEL-IN-OFF . . . the former Manchester United defender puts through his own net

ALL TOO EASY . . . De Cuyper has a tap-in for Brighton's second

HINSH PERFECT . . . Seagulls go 4-0 up as Hinshelwood bags his second

THE WEEK AHEAD

(7.45 unless stated)

TONIGHT

PREMIER LEAGUE

Fulham v Chelsea 8.0

TOMORROW

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

Barnsley v Crewe .....
Birmingham v BrentFord 8.0
Blackburn v Sheff Utd .....
Blackpool v Lincoln City .....
Cambridge Utd v Millwall .....
Cardiff v Norwich 7.0
Doncaster v Middlesbrough . 7.30
Fleetwood Town v Shrewsbury ..
Ipswich v Leicester .....
Nottm Forest v Leeds 8.0
Plymouth v Coventry .....
Sheff Wed v Wolves .....
Southampton v West Ham .....
Stevenage v Reading .....
Stoke v Hull .....
Walsall v Leyton Orient .....
Watford v Peterborough .....

UEFA CHAMPIONS LGE - PLAY-OFF SECOND LEG - Bodo/Glimt (3) v NEC (1) (8.0), LASK (0) v Celtic (3) (8.0), Sabah Baku (1) v Hapoel Beer Sheva (2) (5.45).

VERTU TROPHY SOUTHERN GROUP C - Bristol Rovers v Chelsea U21 (7.0).

KDM EVOLUTION TROPHY - LEAGUE PHASE - Airdrieonians v Stirling, Alloa v Motherwell U21, Annan Athletic v Berwick, Bonnyrigg Rose v Rangers U21, Clachnacuddin v Elgin, Cove Rangers v Dundee Utd U21, Cowdenbeath v East Kilbride, Cumbernauld Colts v Kilmarnock U21, Dumbarton v Celtic U21, East Fife v St Mirren U21, Forfar v Formartine United, Fraserburgh v Aberdeen U21, Hamilton v Edinburgh City, Kelty Hearts v Clydebank, Montrose v Clyde, Peterhead v Dundee U21, Queen of South v Hibernian U21, Ross County v Banks O'Dee, Spartans v Hearts U21, Stranraer v Cala Fairydean.

NORTHERN PREMIER - Alfreton Tn v Hyde Utd, Ashton Utd v Ilkeston Tn, Bamber Bridge v FC United of Manchester, Bury FC v Lancaster City, Cleethorpes Tn v Whitby Tn, Guiseley v Stockton Tn, Quorn v Gainsborough Trinity, Redcar Athletic v Emley AFC, Warrington Tn v Curzon Ashton, Workington v Warrington Rylands.

WEDNESDAY

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

Bradford v Burnley .....
Newcastle v West Brom .....
Preston v Everton 8.0
Tottenham v Charlton .....

UEFA CHAMPIONS LGE - PLAY-OFF SECOND LEG - AEK Athens (0) v Levski Sofia (0) (8.0), CM Celje (1) v S Bratislava (1) (8.0), Lyon (1) v Fenerbahce (1) (8.0), Viking FK (2) v Dinamo Zagreb (2) (8.0).

CONFERENCE LEAGUE QUALIFYING PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG - Rapid Vienna (2) v Hearts (2) (5.45).

NORTHERN PREMIER - AVRO v Leek.

THURSDAY

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

Chelsea v Luton 7.30
Fulham v AFC Wimbledon 8.0

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE - PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG - AGF (1) v Benfica (3) (7.0), Anderlecht (3) v FC Kairat (0) (7.30), Ararat Armenia (1) v Universitatea Craiova (1) (5.0), CSKA Sofia (0) v OFI (3) (7.0), FK Kauno Zalgiris (0) v Besiktas (3) (6.0), Ferencvaros (1) v Trabzonspor (0) (7.30), Iberia 1999 v Jagiellonia Bialystock (5.0), Lillestrom (0) v KF Egnatia (0) (6.0), Omonia Nicosia (0) v Sint-Truiden (1) (6.0), Pizen (0) v Red Star Belgrade (3) (6.0), RB Salzburg (1) v Mjallby AIF (0) (6.0), Thun (0) v Lech Poznan (7) (7.0).

UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE - PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG - Brighton (0) v Tromso (0) (7.30), Freiburg (3) v Motherwell (1) (5.45), Hibernian (0) v Gent (0) (8.0), Jablonec (0) v Rangers (1) (5.0), KuPS (1) v Shamrock Rovers (1) (4.0), Larne (2) v Lincoln Red Imps (0) (8.0).

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Boreham Wood v Boston Utd.

FRIDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Crystal Palace v Man City 8.0

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Wrexham v Birmingham 8.0

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - AFC Fylde v Forest Green, Aldershot v Harrogate Tn, Altrincham v FC Halifax, Barrow v Yeovil, Gateshead v Sutton Utd, Hartlepool v Eastleigh, Hornchurch v Woking, Scunthorpe v Solihull Moors, Southend v Kidderminster, Tamworth v Worthing, Wealdstone v Carlisle.

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Dunfermline v Raith (7.30).

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO - Edinburgh City v Forfar.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Hednesford Tn v Harborough Tn, Morecambe v AFC Telford, Oxford City v Buxton.

ISTHMIAN PREMIER - Burgess Hill Tn v Dartford.

NORTHERN PREMIER - Ashton Utd v Gainsborough Trinity, Guiseley v Lancaster City.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Peterborough Sports v Anstey Nomads.

WELSH PREMIER - Barry Tn United v Airbus UK Broughton, Cardiff Met Uni v Briton Ferry, Connah's Quay Nomads v Cambrian United, Holywell Tn v Caernarfon Tn, Llandudno v Haverfordwest County, Penybont v Flint Tn United, The New Saints FC v Colwyn Bay, Trefelin BGC v Ammanford.

(3.0 unless stated)

SATURDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Bournemouth v Everton .....
Coventry v Hull .....
Liverpool v Nottm Forest 12.30
Tottenham v Newcastle 5.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Blackburn v QPR .....
Bolton v Lincoln City .....
Bristol City v Portsmouth .....
Cardiff v Sheff Utd .....
Charlton v Preston .....
Derby v Swansea 12.30
Middlesbro' v West Brom 12.30
Norwich v Burnley .....
Southampton v Millwall .....
Watford v West Ham .....
Wolves v Stoke 12.30

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Blackpool v Peterborough .. 12.30
Cambridge Utd v Huddersfield ...
Leyton Orient v Barnsley .....
MK Dons v Leicester 12.30
Notts County v Burton Albion .....
Plymouth v Bradford .....
Sheff Wed v Bromley .....
Stevenage v Doncaster .....
Stockport County v Wycombe ....

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

Barnet v Cheltenham 12.30
Colchester v Rochdale .....
Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers ....
Gillingham v Northampton .....
Grimsby v Fleetwood Town .....
Newport County v Tranmere .....
Oldham v Swindon .....
Port Vale v Crewe 12.30
Rotherham v Chesterfield 1.0
Shrewsbury v Salford City .....
Walsall v Accrington .....
York v Exeter .....

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

Celtic v Falkirk .....
Hearts v St Johnstone .....
Kilmarnock v Dundee Utd .....

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Arbroath v Livingston, Ayr v Morton, Partick v Queen's Park, Stenhousemuir v Inverness CT.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE - Airdrieonians v East Fife, Alloa v Peterhead, Hamilton v Cove Rangers, Montrose v Queen of South, Ross County v East Kilbride (5.30).

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO - Annan Athl v Dumbarton, Elgin v Stirling, Spartans v Clyde, Stranraer v Kelty Hearts.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Bedford Tn v Spennymoor Tn, Brackley v South Shields, Darlington v MacclesfieldFC, Hebburn Tn v King's Lynn Tn, Hereford FC v Chester FC, Marine v Radcliffe, Merthyr Tn v Chorley, Scarborough Athletic v Southport, Spalding Utd v Worksop Tn.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - AFC Totton v Chesham Utd, Billericay v Tonbridge Angels, Chelmsford v Maidenhead Utd, Dover v Braintree Tn, Farnborough v Ebbsfleet United, Hemel Hempstead v Weston-S-Mare, Horsham v Farnham Tn, Maidstone Utd v Salisbury FC, Slough v Folkestone Invicta, Torquay v Hampton & Richmond, Truro City v Dag & Red, Walton & Hersham v Dorking Wanderers.

ISTHMIAN PREMIER - AFC Whyteleafe v Cheshunt, Aveley v Lewes, Carshalton Ath v Brentwood Tn, Chatham Tn v Wingate & Finchley, Dulwich v Three Bridges, Eastbourne Borough v Leatherhead, Enfield Town v Whitehawk, Maldon & Tiptree v Cray Wanderers, St Albans v Stanway Rovers, Welling v Ramsgate.

NORTHERN PREMIER - AVRO v Stockton Tn, Alfreton Tn v Warrington Rylands, Bamber Bridge v Hyde Utd, Bury FC v Ilkeston Tn, Cleethorpes Tn v Curzon Ashton, Quorn v Whitby Tn, Redcar Athletic v FC United of Manchester, Warrington Tn v Emley AFC, Workington v Leek Tn.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Alvechurch v Racing Club Warwick, Banbury Utd v Stourbridge, Bromsgrove Sporting v Bishop's Stortford, Halesowen Tn v Real Bedford, Hitchin Tn v Kettering, Leamington v Worcester City, Leighton Tn v Bury Tn, Leiston v Redditch Utd, Stamford v Rushall Olympic, Stratford Tn v Needham Market.

SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH - Bath City v Uxbridge, Bracknell v Sholing, Chertsey v Frome, Chippenham v Berkhamsted , Evesham Utd v Plymouth Parkway, Gosport Borough v Malvern, Hanwell v Chichester City, Havant and W v Gloucester, Poole v Yate, Taunton Tn v Basingstoke, Wimborne v Hanworth Villa.

SUNDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea v Brighton 2.0
Leeds v Brentford 2.0
Man Utd v Ipswich 4.30
Sunderland v Fulham 2.0

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

AFC Wimbledon v Wigan 2.0
Mansfield v Luton .....

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

Aberdeen v Rangers 12.0
Dundee v Hibernian .....
St Mirren v Motherwell .....

MONDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Arsenal 8.0

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Boston Utd v Hornchurch, Carlisle v Scunthorpe, Eastleigh v Aldershot, Forest Green v Altrincham, Harrogate Tn v Gateshead, Kidderminster v Barrow, Solihull Moors v AFC Fylde, Sutton Utd v Wealdstone, Woking v Southend, Worthing v Boreham Wood, Yeovil v Tamworth.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - AFC Telford v Bedford Tn, Buxton v Merthyr Tn, Chester FC v Morecambe, Chorley v Brackley, Harborough Tn v Marine, King's Lynn Tn v Scarborough Athletic, MacclesfieldFC v Hebburn Tn, Radcliffe v Darlington, South Shields v Spalding Utd, Southport v Hereford FC, Spennymoor Tn v Hednesford Tn, Worksop Tn v Oxford City.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - Braintree Tn v Farnborough, Chesham Utd v Dover, Dag & Red v Slough, Dorking Wanderers v Truro City, Ebbsfleet United v Horsham, Farnham Tn v Torquay, Folkestone Invicta v Hemel Hempstead, Hampton & Richmond v Maidstone Utd, Maidenhead Utd v AFC Totton, Salisbury FC v Billericay, Tonbridge Angels v Walton & Hersham, Weston-S-Mare v Chelmsford.

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HULL OF A WAIT

HULL beat Manchester United for the first time in 52 YEARS — since a 2-0 win in November 1974, a season in which the Red Devils would earn promotion back to the top flight.

FLASHBACK

NOV 23 1974

Division Two

HULL ..... (1) 2
Lord 35, Wagstaff 85

MAN UTD..... (0) 0
(Boothferry Park, 23,287)

HULL: Wealands, Croft, Devines, Banks, Lord, Blampey, McGill, Galvin, Wagstaff, Wood, Hawley. **Manager: John Kaye.**

MAN UTD: Stepney, Sidebottom, Buchan, Forsyth, Houston, McCalliog, B Greenhoff, Macari, McIlroy, Daly, Morgan. **Manager: Tommy Docherty**

PRIME MINISTER

Harold Wilson

US PRESIDENT

Gerald Ford

NO 1 IN CHARTS

'Gonna Make You A Star' by David Essex

PINT OF BEER

22p

AVE HOUSE PRICE

£10,000

AVERAGE WEEKLY SALARY

Male: £48

Female: £27

PINT OF MILK

4p

LARGE LOAF

41p

OPENING SHOTS

MAN UTD BOSSES ON OPENING DAY

	Games	Win rate
Jose Mourinho	3	100%
David Moyes	1	100%
Erik ten Hag	3	67%
Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	3	67%
Sir Alex Ferguson	21	62%
Louis van Gaal	2	50%
Michael Carrick	1	0%
Ruben Amorim	1	0%

By KATHERINE WALSH

RY SMILES AT UNITED HUMBLING

RYAN GILES basked in Hull's shock Prem opening-weekend win over Manchester United and roared: "It doesn't get much better than that."

The promoted Tigers stunned Michael Carrick's Red Devils with two defenders — Semi Ajayi and Nobel Mendy *(below)* — on target.

Hull did a number on United as boss Sergej Jakirovic outwitted Carrick's system using just three matches of prep.

The visitors showed no stomach for the fight, getting carved open on set-plays and in the full-back channels where Giles enjoyed acres of space.

Hull bullied them from start to finish, even after entering the match with eight pre-existing injuries while both goalscorers Ajayi and Mendy were substituted just after the hour due to fitness issues.

The Tigers have geared up for their return to the top flight with a summer spend of just £70million on 12 players — the same United are about to spend on Carlos Baleba from Brighton.

And Giles, 26, said: "We did a number on them. It doesn't get much better than that.

"To a man everyone was great and the stadium was rocking.

"We knew what they were about and we did what we needed to do.

"We take confidence from it."

Eight of last May's Wembley play-off heroes against Middlesbrough started, with Oli McBurnie outstanding up front.

While keeper Konstantinos Tzolakis and Mendy had standout Prem debuts. And Giles hopes this result shows those pundits who wrote them off before a ball was kicked — like Joe Cole — they will be no makeweights.

Giles said: "We've seen it and we need to use it as fuel. I appreciate everybody might feel like we might go down — but we shouldn't get too caught up in it.

"I hope days like this send a message to the rest of the league and everyone watching that we're not just here to make the numbers up."

Asked if he was surprised how poor United were, he said: "Not really, we knew set-pieces are massive in this league.

"We've legs to burn on the counter-attack.

"We've got big Oli Mac in the box."

FLYING START . . . Ajayi celebrates the first goal with Matt Crooks

Carrick & stick

BOSS AND BOARD IN FIRING LINE

GRIM VIEWING . . . Wilcox and Berrada at MKM Stadium

SEM START . . . Ajayi lashes home Hull first as they made a triumphant return to the Prem

THE cameras panned to Jason Wilcox and Omar Berrada with Manchester United 2-0 down at Hull.

The pair – who oversee the Red Devils' recruitment – may have adopted deadpan poker faces in the directors' box.

But they will be in the firing line alongside boss Michael Carrick following this opening-weekend embarrassment.

The pathetic performance on Humberside is likely to intensify United's attempts to bring in more new faces before the end of the transfer window.

But is there any guarantee they will get it right?

Wilcox and Berrada are entitled to expect much better than the lethargic and leaden performance United served up at the MKM Stadium.

You have to give Hull credit for their dream start to life back in the Premier League after nine years away.

They capitalised on a bright start in the 17th minute when defender Semi Ajayi lashed home after keeper Senne Lammens had tipped Oli McBurnie's shot on to the post.

The performance from Sergej Jakirov's Tigers made a mockery of pundits who have tipped them to finish bottom as they doubled their lead in the 38th minute.

Club-record signing Nobel Mendy – brought in from Rayo Vallecano for £20million – powered home a header from Regan Slater's free-kick.

It was a magnificent start for Hull but any pre-match optimism surrounding Carrick's side evaporated as he made a host of questionable calls.

Why pick Ayden Heaven, United's rawest defender?

Why does he think Patrick Dorgu is a winger?

Why move Bryan Mbeumo to the wing after playing all of pre-season up front?

And why put Matheus Cunha in attack after just 60 minutes there against AC Milan?

Carrick had his worst day as United head coach and a theme has developed. Whenever he makes substantial changes – to tactics or personnel – United lose.

Heaven and Harry Maguire had partnered each other four times during pre-season but still looked incompatible.

And Dorgu, signed from Lecce in January 2025, must have felt good about his prospects having started all six pre-season friendlies only to be hauled off at half-time with United 2-0 down.

The upside is a defensive midfielder is about to beef up United's soft centre.

The downside is their defence will not get overhauled until next year.

With Carlos Baleba expected to be confirmed in the coming days, if not hours, United could feasibly sign a defensive midfielder and a defender in the final days of the window.

They will look reactive in a summer that they should have been proactive.

A £70million fee for Baleba has finally been agreed but this deal surely could have been completed before now.

The player has known of United's interest for more than a year.

And he spoke with Carrick and some of his other future team-mates after United's 3-0 win at the Amex on the final day of last season.

The time taken has cost United valuable time in terms of integrating Baleba – particularly as Cameroon did not qualify for the World Cup.

His compatriot Mbeumo, United's standout performer in pre-season, was the only outfield starter who produced a passable performance at Hull.

The performances of summer signings Youri Tielemans and Andrey Santos suggest they may be squad players rather than starters when everyone is fit.

You would expect Baleba, 22, to be a midfielder partner for 21-year-old Kobbie Mainoo in the long term.

Mainoo came on for Tielemans midway through the second half on Saturday.

But Baleba will not get a kick for his new club until next month at the earliest as he recovers from ankle ligament damage suffered in pre-season.

The knee-jerk nature of United's deal-making has been a theme of this window.

After Elliot Anderson chose Manchester City and Tottenham met West Ham's asking price for Mateus Fernandes, United turned to Chelsea midfielder Santos.

And after a deal to sign Ederson from Atalanta collapsed, the £35m he would have cost instead made its way to Aston Villa for Tielemans.

Being upgraded from a bit-part player at Chelsea to Casemiro's heir-apparent at United is an onerous one for Santos, 22.

And Tielemans revealed his body "switched off" during Belgium's World Cup campaign – and he was clearly not switched on at Hull.

He was fortunate not to be taken off at half-time and a five-year contract for a midfielder who made his debut at 16 and turns 30 next year appears excessive.

It is a piece of business reminiscent of Ed Woodward's days at Old Trafford.

And were if Wilcox and Berrada finalise incomings after a chastening defeat in August it will bring back more unwanted comparisons with former executive vice-chairman Woodward.

Their recruitment has also been complacent at left-back and attack.

They have probably left it too late with Newcastle's Lewis Hall while Mikel Arteta has quashed talk of Arsenal cashing in on Myles Lewis-Skelly.

Hall would be an ideal successor to Luke Shaw, into his 13th season at United.

Shaw has had three good seasons in 12 and one was in the meaningless and misleading pandemic campaign of 2020-21.

As alarming as United's defending at Hull was how impotent they were.

Benjamin Sesko is back from a long-term shin injury but senior United figures say a new striker is not on their radar.

Joshua Zirkzee, signed on the assumption he was a striker, made one competitive start during Sesko's 3½ month lay-off and is barely of consideration.

Zirkzee was the first signing of the Berrada and Wilcox era.

They will need to adopt their poker faces again to shift the Dutchman.

SAMUEL LUCKHURST on HULL 2 MANCHESTER UNITED 0

STATS LIFE

Compiled by Russell Lanning

SIX PACK

HULL and Ipswich both marked their Prem returns with a victory — the second season in a row that two of the three promoted sides have won their opener — but only the fourth time in Premier League history.

Clarke

MOST PREM POINTS IN SEASON OPENER BY PROMOTED CLUBS

1997-98	Bolton 3 Crystal Palace 3 Barnsley 0	6
2021-22	Brentford 3 Watford 3 Norwich 0	6
2025-26	Leeds 3 Sunderland 3 Burnley 0	6
2026-27	HULL 3 IPSWICH 3 COVENTRY 0	6

DIRECT LINE

NINE games in and two direct free-kicks have been scored in the Prem — Anton Stach (Leeds) and Nilson Angulo (Sunderland) — a 20 per cent conversion rate from ten attempts.

Since data started in 2003, the highest conversion rate over a season is eight per cent in 2013-14.

Stach

HIGHEST PREM DIRECT FREE-KICK CONVERSION RATES SINCE 2003-04

	DIRECT FREE-KICK SHOTS	DIRECT FREE-KICK GOALS	CONVERSION RATE
*2026-27	10	2	20%
2013-14	486	39	8%
2025-26	251	18	7.2%
2019-20	380	26	6.8%
2007-08	611	41	6.7%
2004-05	496	33	6.7%

*Still running

LEEDING LIGHTS

LEEDS have won five of their last eight Premier League games (D2 L1), with only Manchester City (20) and Arsenal (18) collecting more points in the top flight since the start of April than their 17.

Farke

MOST PREM POINTS SINCE START OF APRIL

20	18	17	16	16	13
Games 9	8	8	8	8	8

LOST IN THE CROWD

WEST HAM'S London Stadium broke the Championship attendance record by almost 10,000 with 62,264 in Stratford on Saturday, surpassing the 52,301 at Newcastle in April 2017.

But for home fans it wasn't much fun watching a 2-1 away win!

RECORD CHAMPIONSHIP ATTENDANCES

Aug 22, 2026	WEST HAM v CHARLTON	L 1-2	62,264
Apr 14, 2017	Newcastle v Leeds	D 1-1	52,301
May 7, 2017	Newcastle v Barnsley	W 3-0	52,276
Feb 4, 2017	Newcastle v Derby	W 1-0	52,231
Dec 30, 2016	Newcastle v Nottm Forest	W 3-1	52,228

TOP 5 ATTENDANCES IN ENGLISH FOOTBALL THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Ch'ship	WEST HAM 1 CHARLTON 2	62,264
Yesterday	Prem	Man City 2 Bournemouth 1	60,645
Friday	Prem	Arsenal 3 Coventry 0	60,098
Yesterday	Prem	Newcastle 2 Liverpool 2	52,630
Saturday	Prem	Everton 2 Crystal Palace 0	51,820

SAV OUR

ONE . . . Lewis-Potter finishes off a lovely move to stun Spurs 12 minutes in

TWO . . . Janelt hoovers up a rebound to steer Bees 2-0 ahead at the Gtech

Spurs in dire nee of Brazil winger Marmoush arriva

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DOUBLE FLOP

SATURDAY'S defeat was Tottenham's 40th Prem defeat since the start of the 2024-25 season — only Wolves have lost more.

TEAMS WITH MOST PREM DEFEATS SINCE THE START OF THE 2024-25 SEASON

	Games	Games lost
Wolves	76	44
TOTTENHAM	77	40
West Ham	76	36
Fulham	76	30
Southampton	38	30
Newcastle	76	29
Nottm Forest	77	28

SHADES OF GRAY

ARCHIE GRAY became Spurs' youngest starting Premier League captain — beating Harry Kane's record.

YOUNGEST STARTING SPURS CAPTAINS IN PREM ERA

Aug 22, 2026 Archie Gray	20y 163d
Apr 5, 2015 Harry Kane	21y 251d
Oct 19, 1997 Sol Campbell	23y 31d
Sep 11, 2010 Tom Huddlestone	23y 257d
Aug 28, 2004 Ledley King	23y 321d

BEE STING

BRENTFORD beat Spurs at home in the Prem for the first time — and just their second victory overall.

BRENTFORD PREM RECORD v TOTTENHAM

Dec 2, 2021	Away	L 2-0
Apr 23, 2022	Home	D 0-0
Dec 26, 2022	Home	D 2-2
May 20, 2023	Away	W 3-1
Aug 13, 2023	Home	D 2-2
Jan 31, 2024	Away	L 3-2
Sep 21, 2024	Away	L 3-1
Feb 2, 2025	Home	L 2-0
Dec 6, 2025	Away	L 2-0
Jan 1, 2026	Home	D 0-0
Aug 22, 2026	Home	W 3-0

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POISON PEN

IGOR THIAGO missed a Premier League penalty for only the second time.

THIAGO'S PREM PENALTY RECORD

Aug 17, 2025	Nottm Forest	✓
Oct 25, 2025	Liverpool	✓
Nov 9, 2025	Newcastle	✓
Nov 22, 2025	Brighton	✓
Nov 22, 2025	Brighton	✗
Nov 29, 2025	Burnley	✓
Feb 2, 2026	Newcastle	✓
Apr 11, 2026	Everton	✓
May 2, 2026	West Ham	✓
Aug 22, 2026	Tottenham	✗

✗ MISSED ✓ SCORED

TOM BARCLAY

on BRENTFORD 3 TOTTENHAM 0

THE Savinho that Tottenham boss Roberto De Zerbi sees better be one hell of a player.

Because for the hundreds of millions spent by Spurs this summer, their attack looks as substandard as it has for the last two Premier League seasons.

But the North Londoners are poised to bolster their forward line this week with the double capture of Savinho and Omar Marmoush from Manchester City.

Many view the £85million fee for Savinho — with Marmoush set to join on an initial loan — as well over the odds.

But given how toothless Tottenham were up top at the Gtech on Saturday, the expected arrivals will be welcome.

De Zerbi certainly thinks so. Despite just two goals and 12 assists in 53 Prem appearances for City — he sees 22-year-old Savinho's unlocked potential as huge.

And after this gloomy trip to Brentford, the desire for the Brazilian and his Egyptian team-mate will have only intensified.

Spurs had problems all over the pitch in their 3-0 opening-day annihilation, shipping goals from Keane Lewis-Potter, Vitaly Janelt and Michael Kayode.

There was the lack of click between new centre-backs Marcos Senesi and Jan Paul van Hecke, as well as the flappy performance from new No1 goalkeeper Antonin Kinsky.

To top it all, the wasteful midfield display from £92.5million record signing Sandro Tonali made the Italian look vastly overpriced. All of those problems will surely ease over time, as De Zerbi works with his squad on the training pitch through the many free midweeks Spurs will have this season.

The creativity vacuum is a far bigger headache to solve.

Spurs' attack needs improving — of that there is no doubt — which is why their owners see fit to add significantly to their outlay this summer.

Richarlison has proved over his four disappointing years at Spurs he is a lower-end Prem striker at best.

Mathys Tel, 21, is too inexperienced to be a regular starter and Mikey Moore has been waiting to go on loan to Cologne for weeks. Moore, 19, fluffed three decent chances at 3-0, suggesting he is not quite ready for this level on a regular basis, while De Zerbi criticised the youngster's pressing after the game.

Tottenham hope to add Liverpool's Cody Gakpo before the window closes — which would complete a stunning transfer hat-trick on the heels of Savinho and Marmoush.

The City duo come with their own question marks and Gakpo has blown hot and cold at Anfield, though he was on the scoresheet at Newcastle yesterday.

But they would still represent significant upgrades in forward positions for De Zerbi.

Yet even if Spurs can bring them all in, doubts over the North Londoners' creativity would remain.

is easing his way back injury, while fellow Simons is not expected next year.

The Dutchman also s issue during April's v Wolves as Spurs battl League survival.

Conor Gallagher op No10 role at Brentford when he was subbed o

Even when the 26-ye 22 times by England — his game is all about in defence-splitting, cute p

Spurs' summer spendi half-a-billion mark and

SEASON!

THREE . . . Kayode converts from close range as Spurs fail to clear corner

RICH KICKINGS . . . Richarlison is furious as Spurs struggle to create, with supporters hoping Savinho (inset right) and Marmoush (inset left) can solve their creative woes

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lack a genuine, fully fit creator. Against Brentford, though, both De Zerbi *(right)* and skipper Archie Gray felt a lack of fight was the main issue, as Keith Andrews' Bees overpowered them.

Gray, who became Spurs' youngest-ever captain in a competitive game aged 20 years 163 days, said: "They're a team that if you don't match their energy, you're going to get punished. There's no hiding away from that. It's not an excuse and it wasn't good enough."

As for Brentford, it was an outstanding start to what could be an exciting campaign under Andrews.

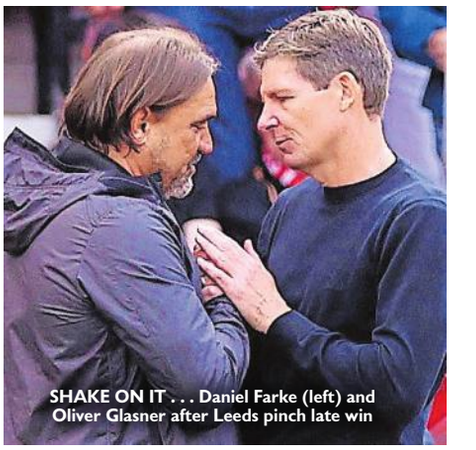
The Irishman was one of the big unknowns last term when he was promoted from set-piece coach to the big job, taking over when Thomas Frank left for a spell at Spurs that saw him axed in February.

This year, Andrews and his Brentford side are one of the few teams in the league where you know what you are going to get.

They delivered it to the max here and could have won by more had Igor Thiago not missed a penalty.

Record-buy Mamadou Sangare caught the eye as he slotted seamlessly into the Bees' midfield following his £39m move from French club Lens.

Team-mate and goalscorer Janelt said: "It's like he's played here for two or three seasons. Credit to him. He showed why he's worth 50million euros."



SHAKE ON IT . . . Daniel Farke (left) and Oliver Glasner after Leeds pinch late win

Oli refuses to promise a quick fix

IF Nottingham Forest supremo Evangelos Marinakis wants a miracle-worker, new boss Oliver Glasner has warned he is not that man.

Despite what he achieved at Crystal Palace.

It was clear even from an undeserved home defeat on Glasner's debut that improving Forest's blunt attack will take time and money.

Although the home side had plenty of possession and spent a lot of time in Leeds territory in the second half, they were unable to force £40million goalkeeper James Trafford into a meaningful save.

Anton Stach's late free kick, a rare moment of quality in a poor game, was enough to give Daniel Farke's side the three points.

Glasner, Forest's **FIFTH** head coach in less than a year, said: "There is no button to press.

"It's getting confidence in what we are doing.

"It's not a case of, I come with my staff, we lay hands on the shoulder and all of a sudden we play like Real Madrid in the 70s or whatever.

"I don't know when they had the biggest time.

"It's a process. There are still a lot of things to do.

"But I could see many positive and encouraging parts in today's game."

Defensively, Forest showed signs of regaining the solidity which underpinned their top-four tilt in 2024-25.

Until they conceded a needless, late free kick.

Dead-ball specialist Stach whipped it over the wall and beat keeper Matz Sels at his near post.

Yet it was the lack of cutting edge which really cost Forest.

Both No10s – captain Morgan Gibbs-White and Dan Ndoye – struggled to create anything for themselves or others.

Centre-back Nikola Milenkovic hit the post with a first-half header after Igor Jesus had earlier forced a good save from Trafford.

But the striker showed why he is the second-best Brazilian centre-forward named Igor in the Premier League when he headed a second-half Ola Aina off target.

Chris Wood, who scored 20 times in that 2024-25 campaign, was fit enough to play just half an hour after World Cup duty with New Zealand and a pre-season niggle.

Wood was understandably rusty and pulled his only chance well wide.

He will improve as he regains sharpness.

But with a 35th birthday coming in December and his contract running out next June, Wood needs replacing.

Chelsea outcast Liam Delap is a candidate.

If he could regain his own confidence after a tough first year at Stamford Bridge, he could do a lot of what Wood used to do – and maybe more.

Forest are undeniably short up top, having sold Taiwo Awoniyi to Coventry, and also want to sign another midfielder.

Austrian boss Glasner said: "The club is really working very hard to get these deals done."

Leeds counterpart Farke was cagey when asked about links with a loan deal for another Chelsea player, Ukraine winger Mykhailo Mudryk.

But the new signings he already has gave a good account of themselves on debut.

Trafford did what he had to do with an air of quiet authority.

Tarik Muharemovic was solid on the left of the back three and caused the odd problem in the other penalty area.

And free transfer Harry Wilson had a lively-ish first half in which he put the ball in the net only to be ruled offside.

Farke knew the win flattered his team a bit.

He has a big challenge of his own – to build on the fine run at the end of last season which kept Leeds in the top flight.

Farke said: "It's a while since the last time that this club had two solid seasons on Premier League level.

"You find it in black-and-white pictures!

"So we know exactly where we're coming from.

"We have to stay humble."

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HALL OF FAME

KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL netted his ninth Prem goal for Everton — with three-quarters of his efforts in the competition coming since his 2025 move.

DEWSBURY-HALL'S PREM GOALS

LEICESTER	OPPONENT
Apr 4, 2022	Crystal Palace (h)
Aug 7, 2022	Brentford (h)
Dec 30, 2022	Liverpool (a)
EVERTON	
Aug 30, 2025	Wolves (a)
Nov 24, 2025	Man Utd (a)
Nov 29, 2025	Newcastle (h)
Dec 6, 2025	Nottm Forest (h)
Feb 7, 2026	Fulham (a)
Mar 3, 2026	Burnley (h)
Apr 11, 2026	Brentford (a)
Apr 25, 2026	West Ham (a)
Aug 22, 2026	Crystal Palace (h)

MOYES' BOYS

Harrison Armstrong (19y 215d)

EVERTON named their second-youngest XI for a Prem game in David Moyes' second spell in charge after their 2-0 win over Nottingham Forest in December 2025.

EVERTON'S YOUNGEST PREM STARTING XIs (In Moyes' second spell as manager)

Dec 30, 2025	(a)	W 2-0	25y 176d
Aug 22, 2026	(h)	W 2-0	25y 308d
May 3, 2025	(h)	D 2-2	26y 48d

CRYSTAL HAZE

CRYSTAL PALACE continued their horror run against Everton — with just **ONE** victory in their last 24 PL games against the Toffees. Conor Gallagher (2) and James Tomkins secured that win — 3-1 in December 2021.

PALACE'S LAST 24 IN PREM v EVERTON

Jan 31, 2015	Home	L 1-0
Dec 7, 2015	Away	D 1-1
Apr 17, 2016	Home	D 0-0
Sep 30, 2016	Away	D 1-1
Jan 21, 2017	Home	L 1-0
Nov 18, 2017	Home	D 2-2
Feb 10, 2018	Away	L 3-1
Oct 21, 2018	Away	L 2-0
Apr 27, 2019	Home	D 0-0
Aug 10, 2019	Home	D 0-0
Feb 8, 2020	Away	L 3-1
Sep 26, 2020	Home	L 2-1
Apr 5, 2021	Away	D 1-1
Dec 12, 2021	Home	W 3-1
May 19, 2022	Away	L 3-2
Oct 22, 2022	Away	L 3-0
Apr 22, 2023	Home	D 0-0
Nov 11, 2024	Home	L 3-2
Feb 19, 2024	Away	D 1-1
Sep 28, 2024	Away	L 2-1
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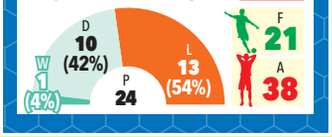
Oct 5, 2025	Away	L 2-1
May 10, 2026	Home	D 2-2
Aug 22, 2026	Away	L 2-0



ALL DEW CREDIT . . . Dewsbury-Hall continues to provide bang for his buck by rifling home the opener

POLITICAL FOOTBALL

But Moyes is made of Toff stuff

KEN LAWRENCE on EVERTON 2 CRYSTAL PALACE 0

DAVID MOYES does not need anyone to speak up for him — not even Prime Minister and Everton fan Andy Burnham.

Starting his 28th year as a manager, Moyes *(right)* is too battle-hardened to be intimidated by criticism, even the cruel kind dished out by Angus Kinnear.

The Toffees CEO declared that owners The Friedkin Group saw last season as a "failure" because he did not make Europe.

The statement undermined the Scot who had given the club its first season in four not worrying about the drop.

It also bought into the conversation among fans who continually dream of past glories and who did not really want Moyes to return.

They always thought his tactics too negative in his first stint, 2002-2013, and still take every chance to point the finger when games go wrong.

Everton ran out of steam last season but many forgot he had first rescued the club.

Just like, apparently, the Friedkins who sacked Sean Dyche after their £600million takeover in December 2024 and then hired Moyes.

Without the old dog they may well have been stewards of a Championship club trying to fill a new 52,000-seater stadium on the Merseyside docks — losing money hand over fist. But old dogs can learn new tricks and, despite being held back by a tight financial leash, Moyes is re-inventing Everton and it is time he got more credit.

Like he got from Burnham, who enjoyed the show having declared: "David knows what he's doing."

He is right, too, for the 63-year-old made one of the signings of last summer in Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall whose dazzling opener against Crystal Palace, again showed his value following a £26m move from Chelsea.

Had loanee Jack Grealish not broken his foot in February, the £100m winger might have steered Everton into Europe anyway.

Moyes has made the side more attacking but desperately needed a top striker, as opposed to Beto and Thierno Barry — despite the latter heading in the second goal against the Eagles on 53 minutes.

Were American billionaire Dan Friedkin to put his money where his mouth is, far more than the £59.5m would have been spent so far. Yet midfielder Hayden Hackney — a £16.5m acquisition from Middlesbrough — suggested on his Prem debut that he can be an instant hit.

Winger Tyrique George, 20, spent the second half of last term on loan from Chelsea but is back for £18m and could well be the real deal.

A lot of fans — maybe TFG too — want an exciting new boss and not "old-fashioned" Moyes.

But they should be careful what they wish for.

Palace brought in Pierre Sage from Lens to replace Oliver Glasner but he already has a lot on his plate while trying to introduce a more attacking style into the 3-4-3 formation.

Striker Jean-Philippe Mateta, who hit the post with the goal at his mercy after missing another early chance, is trying to legal his way out of his contract.

Speedster Ismaila Sarr did not make the trip to Merseyside with Galatasaray eyeing last season's 21-goal top scorer.

And injury-plagued defender Chadi Riad looks set for another long-term lay-off judging by his tears as he was carried off at the Hill Dickinson.

England midfielder Adam Wharton, 22, remains an £80m target of Liverpool while centre-back Maxence Lacroix has already joined Chelsea for £52m.

THE EX FACTOR

FORMER striker **DARREN BENT** *(below)*, 42, gives his thoughts on ex-clubs Ipswich (2001-05) and Sunderland (2009-11).

Tractor buoyed

IN terms of statistical omens, promoted Hull and my old club Ipswich will hope history repeats itself 12 months on.

This time last year, two of the three sides who came up — Leeds and another of my ex-teams Sunderland — won on the opening day and stayed up.

While the other promoted team, Burnley, failed to do so and ended up going down.

In fact, 15 promoted teams out of 20 who won on the opening Prem weekend went on to beat the drop — a hugely comforting stat for Saturday's victorious new boys.

It took Ipswich 11 matches to win a first top-flight game two years ago, so it's a great start.

But, more importantly, boss Gary O'Neil will be delighted to get off the mark as the next two league games are at Manchester United and then home to Liverpool.

Welcome back to the Premier League!

It is early days but I was impressed with the Tractor Boys' performance.

They seem a bit more resolute than this time two years ago, when they went straight back down after returning to the Prem for the first time in 22 years.

As for my other old team Sunderland, manager Regis Le Bris will be frustrated at how they conceded both goals in that 2-1 loss.

Particularly the cheap way they lost possession in their own half before Jack Clarke netted the hosts' late winner.

The Black Cats benefited from a comfortable opening Prem win against West Ham last season, so will now need to bounce back from this setback quickly.

With a European campaign to come, they have a busy schedule ahead.

But Le Bris must make sure his players prioritise the Premier League.

Interview: RUSSELL LANNING

Jack 'n thrill

RELIEVED CLARKE EAGER TO PLEASE

IVAN SPECK on IPSWICH 2 SUNDERLAND 1

LIKE his team, Ipswich hero Jack Clarke has a lot to prove this season.

If he can, both club and player could have an extended stay in the Premier League this time.

When Town were last up among England's elite two seasons ago, Clarke made 33 appearances – but started just 12 games and did not find the net once.

On Saturday, it took the 25-year-old winger just 19 minutes of another substitute cameo to score the first Premier League goal of his career – curling home a 90th-minute winner against former club Sunderland.

Clarke said: "It felt like it's been a long time coming.

"It was more relief than anything. Hopefully it will help us move forward.

"That finish has become a bit of a trademark of mine over the last couple of years. It's sort of bittersweet to do it against Sunderland. I thought I'd try to be as respectful as possible if I scored.

"I don't know if the adrenalin or the moment took over but it is what it is.

"I won't be knocking on the manager's door to start the next game but I might give him the odd smile during the week to let him know I'm still about. Obviously it's team first, whatever the team needs on the day."

A stunning Nilson Angulo free-kick for Sunderland had cancelled out a debut goal for new Tractor Boys striker Emersonn – and the roar that greeted Clarke's winner contained some relief.

Two seasons ago, Ipswich dropped 12 points from winning positions at home – 27 altogether – and did not win a Premier League game at Portman Road until December 30.

Now they have managed that in their opening match under new manager Gary O'Neil.

Clarke added: "It took us a while to get going last time.

"We felt we were good in games but came out on the wrong end of scenarios.

"It's a ruthless league and all of a sudden you are walking off in despair. We know we need to put it right this season.

"The gaffer has spent the last seven weeks trying to instil in us to stay in games and give ourselves opportunities to win. That's what we did here."

While Town celebrated with their fans on a joyous lap of honour around the pitch, visitors Sunderland were left to contemplate a worrying defeat.

Manager Regis Le Bris and his players know that as many Premier League points as possible have to be collected before their Europa League campaign fills up their fixture list this autumn.

Full-back Thomas Meunier said: "I'm very disappointed, I didn't expect this at all. We trained very well during the week but didn't play well here.

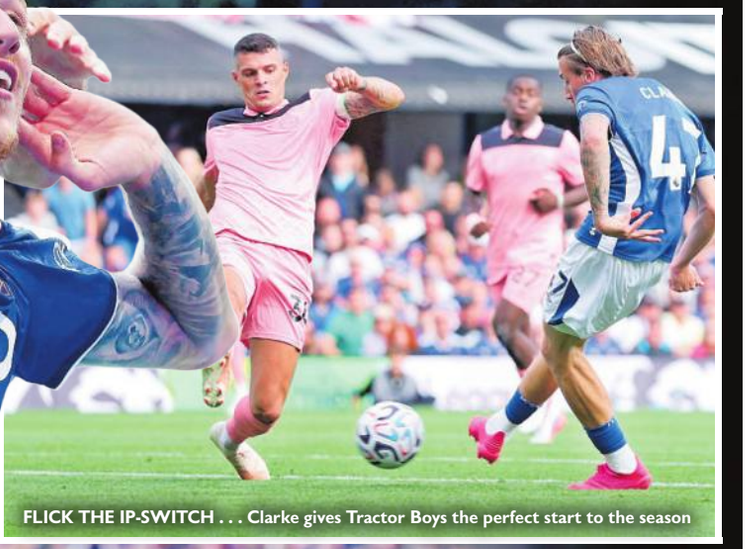
"Maybe this is new for me. You never know what to expect in the Premier League and you can't underestimate anyone. But I hoped for something better.

"We can't say we played really badly – we had some good moments – but Ipswich played more simple and basic. We killed ourselves with big mistakes.

"It's football, it's not an exact science. I hope this was just an off day and next week against Fulham we'll show another face."

LEAP OF FAITH . . . Kasey McAteer jumps on Jack Clarke after his late Ipswich winner

GO ON MY SONN . . . Brazilian forward Emersonn nets first for Town on 24 minutes



FLICK THE IP-SWITCH . . . Clarke gives Tractor Boys the perfect start to the season

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Going for Ballard d'Or

CLASS . . . Dom's strike

DOM BALLARD scored a 'worldie' — and his boss wants more.

Striker Ballard, 21, netted a super backheeled volley to put Bristol City 2-1 up at Birmingham.

Robins chief Michael Skubala said: "He does it in training sometimes. I've seen it before."

Demarai Gray's 95th-minute penalty rescued a point for the hosts.

PAY THE PRICE

Isaac KOs slack Clarets

HERO . . . two-goal ace Price

By GRAHAM HILL

NICKY HAYEN felt his Burnley side's lack of desire cost them dear as Isaac Price ran riot.

The Clarets' return to the Championship has produced one point so far and they looked off the pace at slick West Brom.

Burnley actually went ahead early on through Callum Styles' own goal.

But then Hawthorns ace Price took control, creating Harry Whitwell's leveller and adding two goals of his own.

And boss Hayen seethed: "We didn't have the energy, the desire and hunger of the home team.

"We played a bad game. Sometimes it was like slow motion. It was an eye-opener.

"We were straightforward and honest in the dressing room. If we play at our best, we're a top team. But displays like this show we're an average team. So something has to change.

"I learned a lot about the players. We had a lot of defeats last season and maybe it's still going on a little bit."

Hayen was without Zian Flemming, whose goals earned a 2-2 opening draw with West Ham. The striker is a target for Everton and Lille – but Hayen confirmed he was missing due to injury.

He added: "I've heard the rumours but in the dying seconds of last week's match, he had a little calf tear.

"He has a history of this, look at Wikipedia and you'll know it's the truth."

Albion held a minute's applause on 25 minutes in tribute to their former player Quevin Castro – who died aged 25 on Saturday after collapsing on the pitch during a match in Portugal.

By that point the score was already 1-1.

Styles had turned Jacob Bruun Larsen's cross into his own net eight minutes in but Price found Whitwell, 20, to level ten minutes later with his first Baggies league goal.

Price gave the hosts the lead just after the restart before sealing it on 65 minutes with a spot-kick after Bashir Humphreys tripped Whitwell.

It meant two wins from two for Albion, and boss James Morrison – in charge of his first home game since being given the permanent manager's job – said: "It was a top performance.

"Burnley couldn't handle our intensity. Price got nine goals last season, so can he do it again?

"He can certainly finish."

West Brom.....3
Burnley.....1

TRAGIC . . . The Hawthorns pays tribute to former player

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 — **BRISTOL CITY (1) 2**
Tickle 42 (og), Gray 90 (pen) — Twine 33, Ballard 85

Birmingham: Beadle, Samuel (Laird 46), Neumann, Klarer, Cochrane, Iwata, Solis, Vicente (Gray 63), Paik (Roberts 62), Stansfield (Ducksch 85), Priske (Vazquez 79). Subs not used: Allsop, Fry, Lund, Fujimoto. Booked: Roberts, Samuel.

Bristol City: Tickle, Tanner, Dickie, Eissat, Cardines, Knight, Williams (Yah 71), Wallace (Horvat 65), Twine (Greenwood 71), Hirakawa (Atkinson 90), Tolaj (Ballard 65). Subs not used: Collins, Elle, Bell, Jakobsen. Booked: Knight.

BLACKBURN (0) 2 — **MIDDLESBRO (1) 1**
Gudjohnsen 49, Cantwell 55 — Sarmiento 12
Att: 18,918

Blackburn: Toth, Alebiosu, Atcheson, McLoughlin, Pickering, Morsy (Forshaw 69), Montgomery, Morishita (Jorgensen 61), Cantwell (Carter 80), Afolayan (Fevrier 61), Gudjohnsen (Ohashi 69). Subs not used: Pears, Yuri Ribeiro, Tavares, Garrett. Booked: Afolayan, Cantwell, McLoughlin, Morsy.

Middlesbrough: Vitek, Brittain, Ayling, Malanda, Arfsten (Borges 77), Berhalter (Castiedine 77), Peart-Harris (McGree 60), Morris, Sarmiento (Joseph 60), Whitaker, Lankshear. Subs not used: Brynn, Jones, Kante, Ibeh, Cartwright. Booked: Lankshear.

DERBY (1) 2 — **CARDIFF (2) 2**
Morris 26, Clark 49 — Ashford 19, Saiech 39
Att: 28,926

Derby: Zetterstrom, Johnston (Nyambe 88), Sanderson, Langas, Taylor, Travis, Mowatt, Clark, Fraulo (Hedges 64), Blackett-Taylor (Brewster 65), Morris (Salvesen 88). Subs not used: Vickers, Forsyth, Bilbija, Ward, Eames. Booked: Blackett-Taylor, Fraulo, Johnston, Sanderson, Travis.

Cardiff: Trott, Kpakio, Ng, Bagan, Scanlon, Moylan (J Colwill 71), Robertson, Tanner (Davies 71), R Colwill (Turnbull 59), Ashford (Willock 59), Saiech. Subs not used: Tyrer, Turner, Tankiewicz, Dafydd Anyadike, Robinson. Booked: Robertson.

LINCOLN CITY (1) 1 — **PORTSMOUTH (2) 3**
Hackett 32 (pen) — Kavuma-McQueen 7, Segecic 16, Adams 69
Att: 10,545

Lincoln City: Wickens, Darikwa (Coubis 55), Hamer, Elerewe, Reach, McGrandles, Varfolomeyev (Bayliss 66), Hackett, House (Melia 75), Jefferies (Street 66), Draper (Olaofe 75). Subs not used: Gauci, Towler, Elder, Konak. Booked: Bayliss, Draper, Hamer.

Portsmouth: Schmid, Devlin, Arthur, Shaughnessy, Swanson, Pack (Knight 86), Shein (Adams 58), Kamara (Brooke-Smith 86), Segecic, Kavuma-McQueen (J Murphy 58 (Milovanovic 77)), Bishop. Subs not used: Bielica, Swift, Bailey, Dia. Booked: Shein.

MILLWALL (1) 3 — **NORWICH (0) 0**
Arconte 18, 58, Cundle 84 — Att: 19,564

Millwall: Jensen, Sykes, Taylor, Cooper, Sturge, Neghli, De Norre (Osei-Tutu 86), Metcalfe (Kelly 77), Arconte (Lovelace 71), Coburn (Dykes 78), Lisbie (Cundle 78). Subs not used: Crocombe, Baggott, Batth, Bangura-Williams. Booked: Metcalfe.

Norwich: Kovacevic, Fisher (Stacey 60), Darling, Cordoba, Chrisene, McLean, Field (Mattsson 60), Brooks (Musaba 73), Ben Slimane (Diallo 60), Schwartau (McConville 65), Toure. Subs not used: Grimshaw, Yongwa, Wright, Kvistgaarden. Booked: Cordoba, Darling. Sent-off: Cordoba.

PRESTON (0) 1 — **WOLVES (1) 3**
Thompson 90 — Lopez 8, 82, Armstrong 71
Att: 19,301

Preston North End: Iversen, Clarke, Storey, Lindsay (Gibson 65), Hughes, McCann, Leroy (Thompson 75), Devine, Lang (Gryba 76), Burgzorg, Erabi (Small 66). Subs not used: Nicholls, Valentin, Vukcevic, Moran, Nolan. Booked: Clarke, Hughes, Leroy, McCann.

Wolverhampton: Jose Sa, Tchatchoua, Djiga, T Gomes, H Bueno (Wolfe 86), Munetsi (Doyle 67), Andre Trindade (Traore 79), R Gomes (Armstrong 67), Lopez, Mane, Jimenez (James 79). Subs not used: Johnstone, S Bueno, Pedro Lima, Chirewa. Booked: Munetsi.

QPR (0) 0 — **BOLTON (0) 0**

QPR: Charles, Mbengue (Lamptey 62), Dunne, Clarke-Salter, Adamson (Cirkin 62), Vale, Edwards, Poku (Madsen 62), Chair, Saito (Smyth 76), Kone (Burrell 62). Subs not used: Ward, Lloyd, Alemayehu, Varane. Booked: Clarke-Salter.

Bolton: Bonham, Brunt, Forino-Joseph, Famewo (Davies 46), Conway, Sheehan, Erhahon, Larrazabal (Dong 67), McAtee (Hardie 59), Gale (Iling-Junior 59), Dalby. Subs not used: Harrington, Watson, Toal, Christie, Ritchie. Booked: Gale, Hardie.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
West Brom	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Charlton	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Wolves	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
QPR	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Blackburn	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Watford	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Swansea	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Bolton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Portsmouth	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Middlesbrough	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Cardiff	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Wrexham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Birmingham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Sheff Utd	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
West Ham	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Derby	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Burnley	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Bristol City	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Lincoln City	2	0	1	1	2	5	0
Preston	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Stoke	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Norwich	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Southampton	2	1	0	1	4	3	-1

(Southampton deducted 4 points)

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 — **STOKE (1) 1**
Larin 8, Mubama 89, Manning 90 (pen) — Galbraith 26
Att: 29,185

Southampton: Peretz, Bree, Wood-Gordon, Stephens, Manning, Downes, Matsuki (Bragg 90), Fellows (Edozie 90), Azaz (Akachukwu 90), Scienza (Dobbin 78), Larin (Mubama 78). Subs not used: Long, Quarshie, Welington, Archer. Booked: Bree, Downes, Manning.

Stoke: Johansson, Johnson, Wilmot, Gibson, Bocat (Talovierov 81), Soumare (Rigo 81), Galbraith, Gallagher (Ingelsson 70), Bae, Thomas, Hirst (Bozenik 62). Subs not used: Griffiths, Pearson, Graham, Manhoef, Giani. Booked: Galbraith, Gallagher, Ingelsson, Talovierov. Sent-off: Ingelsson.

SWANSEA (0) 0 — **SHEFF U (0) 0**
Att: 18,032

Swansea: Vigouroux, Lissah, Cabango (Key 67), Welsh, Tymon, Stamenic, Fulton (Stewart 81), Opoku, Just (Widell 67), Yeo (Eom 61), Idah (Vipotnik 61). Subs not used: Fisher, Parente, Walta, Ronald. Booked: Fulton, Lissah.

Sheff Utd: Cooper, Tanganga, McGuinness, McCallum, Rothwell (Riedewald 65), Seriki, Arblaster (Shackleton 90), Peck, Burrows (Norrington-Davies 90), Bamford (Campbell 78), O'Hare. Subs not used: Doherty, Davies, Cannon, Donovan, Baptiste. Booked: Burrows, Tanganga.

WEST HAM (0) 1 — **CHARLTON (1) 2**
Piroe 74 — Jones 7, Campbell 56
Att: 62,264

West Ham: Hermansen, Walker-Peters, Mavropanos (Veltman 70), Kilman, Scarles (Mukasa 71), Bowen, Engels, Kante (Orford 46), Solomon, Pirce, Castellanos. Subs not used: Areola, Ward-Prowse, Lamadrid, Golambeckis, Mayers, Ajala. Booked: Castellanos, Kilman.

Charlton: Okonkwo, McNamara, Jones, Koumetio, Bell, Coventry, Chalobah (Rankin-Costello 77), Ahearne-Grant (Sichenje 78), Carey (Nwamba 66), Campbell, Leaburn (Mbick 70). Subs not used: Brooks, Knibbs, Mesik, Alli, Apter. Booked: Ahearne-Grant, Jones, McNamara.

WREXHAM (1) 1 — **WATFORD (1) 1**
Imray 22 — Kjerrumgaard 14
Att: 10,502

Wrexham: Patterson, Vyner, Hyam, Doyle, Imray (Longman 78), Whiteman, O'Brien, Thomason (Cleworth 90), Rathbone (Cadamarteri 70), Broadhead (James 78), Moore (Smith 63). Subs not used: Ward, Scarr, Dobson, Keillor-Dunn. Booked: Broadhead, Whiteman.

Watford: Ravaglia, Traore (Eames 45), Pollock, Keben, Zemura, Bove (Kayembe 67), Kyprianou, Nabizada (Doumbia 67), Bravo, Maamma (Payero 58), Kjerrumgaard (Vata 67). Subs not used: Bachmann, Adu-Poku, Clarridge, Ramirez-Espain.

PLAYED YESTERDAY

WEST BROM (1) 3 — **BURNLEY (1) 1**
Whitwell 18, Price 46, 65 (pen) — Styles 8 (og)
Att: 24,720

West Brom: O'Leary, Galves, Phillips, Campbell, Styles, Whitwell (Nzingoula 81), Molumby (Mepham 90), Diakite, Price, Myhre, Morgan (Stewart 78). Subs not used: Ingram, Williams, Townsend, Bielik, Bostock, Barry. Booked: Campbell.

Burnley: Weiss, Sonne (Roberts 46), Walker, Alleyne, Humphreys (Lucas Pires 78), Laurent (Satpaev 59), Mejbri (Amdouni 57), Edwards, Ramsey, Bruun Larsen, Broja (Raghouber 57). Subs not used: Coudert, Worrall, Ahmedhodzic, Ndayishimiye. Booked: Edwards, Sonne.

Ban's badly Justin IN A LEAGUE

HAND OF ODD . . . Heggebo celebrates his controversial goal

THE FA are living in cloud cuckoo land.

And their latest absurd retrospective ban proves just how out of touch they really are.

West Brom forward Aune Heggebo was slapped with a two-match suspension for "successfully deceiving a match official" after scoring against Norwich last weekend.

The ball deflected off the keeper and hit his arm just **0.1 SECONDS** before going into the net.

It was an instinctive, split-second movement as he threw himself at the ball.

Did the ball hit his arm? Yes. Did Heggebo know much about it? Not a chance.

Yet the decision-makers in the offices at Wembley decided Heggebo is a master fraudster.

Are we seriously suggesting Heggebo should have run up to the referee and confessed?

If he had marched over and said, 'Sorry ref, I handled it', can you imagine the outrage from Baggies fans?

He would not have been a popular figure in his dressing room, that is for sure.

We all fondly remember former West Ham star Paolo Di Canio catching the ball instead of scoring when Everton goalkeeper Paul Gerrard went down injured.

Robbie Fowler once famously tried to persuade a ref not to give a penalty against Arsenal.

Those moments of supreme sportsmanship are wonderful – but let's get real. By banning Heggebo, the FA are setting a bizarre precedent where players are effectively expected to self-referee on the pitch.

Are we really moving toward a game where a striker faces a multi-match ban unless he immediately stops play and admits to an accidental touch?

Modern footballers dive constantly and try to deceive officials every single week.

Take West Ham striker Taty Castellanos against Charlton on Saturday.

The Argentine took a blatant, premeditated dive inside the box to try to win a penalty.

He was correctly booked by

BOUNCING . . . Ousmane Diakite leaps for joy as he hails Harry Whitwell for scoring Albion's leveller

MATCH STATS

WEST BROM		BURNLEY
11	SHOTS	11
7	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
51%	POSSESSION	49%
508	PASSES	479
446	COMPLETED PASSES	406
24	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	16
3	CORNERS	5
8	FOULS CONCEDED	13
1/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	2/0
	MATCH TIME: 97m 15s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 62m 59s	

TAYLOR . . . fit again

Taylor's trip fillip

By ANDREW DILLON

CALEB TAYLOR says the pain on a plane to Spain was worth it now he is back in action for Millwall.

The defender was forced to hobble around on crutches during a holiday on the Costa del Sol.

Taylor, 23, is now fully recovered from the foot injury that ruled him out of Lions' failed promotion bid, with defeat to Hull in the play-off semi-finals.

He said: "I went with my family to Marbella. It was carnage with a new-born. I couldn't even push the suitcases, my missus was doing everything.

"I was gutted to miss the play-offs — it would have been the biggest games of my career and a chance to get to the Premier League.

"We have had a good summer to reflect on last season. It was really disappointing. A full season of work ended in one game.

"But we've added players and are looking forward to getting the momentum going again."

Millwall have won all three matches so far this campaign — one in the Carabao Cup and two in the Championship.

They swept past pathetic Norwich thanks to two goals from new man Tairyk Arconte and a third from Luke Cundle.

Taylor added: "We were expecting a tough game but our intensity was so high from the start, it was only going to go one way."

LEAGUE ONE RESULTS & TABLE

AFC WIM'DON (0)	0	READING (0)	0
		Att: 8,334	
BROMLEY (0)	1	CAMBRIDGE (0)	1
Adeboyejo 81		Knight 67	
		Att: 4,938	
DONCASTER (0)	0	BARNSLEY (0)	0
		Att: 10,288	
LEICESTER (1)	1	BURTON ALB (2)	2
Burns 42		Dennis 5	
		Chauke 25	
		Att: 27,744	
LUTON (1)	2	NOTTS CTY (1)	2
Wells 42 (pen)		Roberts 45	
Marshall 68		Cooper 61	
		Att: 11,515	
MK DONS (0)	1	HUDD'SFIELD (1)	1
Collins 54		Taylor 9	
		Att: 9,505	
PETERBORO (0)	2	MANSFIELD (0)	1
Woods 50		Smith 60	
Leonard 90		Att: 8,900	
STEVENAGE (0)	1	OXFORD (0)	2
Roberts 90		O'Donkor 67	
		Brannagan 87 (pen)	
STOCKPORT (0)	1	BLACKPOOL (2)	2
Mandron 90		Bloxham 22	
Att: 9,991		Bowler 40	
WIGAN (0)	0	LEY ORIENT (1)	2
Att: 9,317		Springett 15	
		Akhamrich 58	
WYCOMBE (0)	1	PLYMOUTH (1)	1
Taylor 76		Evans 25	
		Att: 6,065	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Huddersfield	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Luton	2	1	1	0	6	5	4
Oxford Utd	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Cambridge Utd	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Blackpool	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Burton Albion	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Bromley	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Stockport Cty	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Leyton Orient	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Mansfield	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Sheff Wed	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Peterborough	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
MK Dons	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Notts County	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Wycombe	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Reading	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Leicester	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Stevenage	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Doncaster	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Barnsley	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Plymouth	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
AFC Wimdon	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Wigan	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

LEADING SCORERS

Marriott	(Reading)	3
Sanches Fernandes	(Huddersfield)	2
Palmer	(Luton)	2
Collins	(Milton Keynes Dons)	2
Adeboyejo	(Bromley)	2
Kabia	(Leyton Orient)	2
Ledson	(Huddersfield)	2

SI'S ON HIGH

By JON WEST

SIMON EASTWOOD ended a 2½-year wait for action to help Aaron Ramsey secure his first victory as a manager.

Cameron Brannagan's penalty three minutes from time gave **OXFORD** a 2-1 win at **STEVENAGE**.

It ended a long drought for ex-Wales and Arsenal midfielder Ramsey *(left)*.

Cardiff lost all three games with him as caretaker in 2024-25 and Oxford's summer appointment began this term with a loss and a draw.

Yet that was nothing compared with keeper Eastwood, a ninth-minute replacement for injured Jamie Cumming.

Eastwood, 37, has been at Oxford since 2016 but last featured for the first team in February 2024.

He said: "It's been a long time but I've kept myself in shape I suppose for moments like this."

Oxford are one of seven teams on four points and behind leaders **BRADFORD** – the only team with a 100 per cent record.

LEAGUE TWO RESULTS & TABLE

BRISTOL R (1)	5	NEWPORT (1)	3
Purrington 45		Biggins 1	
Cavegn 53, 90		Gwengwe 61	
Jenkins 57 (og)		Jarvis 90	
Kamwa 74		Att: 10,349	
COLCHESTER (0)	2	OLDHAM (1)	1
Anderson 63		Appiah-Forson 20	
Temple 90 (og)			
		Att: 5,186	
CREWE (0)	1	N'HAMPTON (0)	0
March 54		Att: 5,375	
EXETER (2)	2	ACCRINGTON (0)	0
Fitzwater 2		Att: 5,939	
Conneely 13 (og)			
FLEETWOOD (0)	0	GILLINGHAM (0)	0
		Att: 2,675	
PORT VALE (1)	1	TRANMERE (0)	1
Byers 18 (pen)		Ince 72	
		Att: 8,668	
ROCHDALE (0)	1	CRAWLEY TN (1)	2
Ebanks-Landell 54		Aderoju 8	
Att: 3,895		Watson 72 (pen)	
ROTHERHAM (1)	1	YORK (1)	1
Otoo 20		Newby 40	
		Att: 9,807	
SALFORD (0)	0	CHESTERFIELD (1)	1
Att: 3,210		Bonis 2	
SHREWSBURY (1)	1	BARNET (1)	3
Davison 41		Reeves 13, Lakin 83	
Att: 5,129		Knowles 90	
SWINDON (1)	2	CHELTENHAM (0)	1
Drinan 17		Broom 85	
Clarke 55		Att: 8,833	
WALSALL (0)	0	GRIMSBY (0)	0
		Att: 6,499	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Crewe	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Walsall	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Tranmere	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Colchester	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
York	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Swindon	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Fleetwood	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Grimsby	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Bristol Rovers	2	1	0	1	7	6	3
Newport	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Oldham	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Exeter	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Cheltenham	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Crawley Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Chesterfield	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Rotherham	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Northampton	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Accrington	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Port Vale	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Gillingham	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Salford City	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Rochdale	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Shrewsbury	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

LEADING SCORERS

Newby	(York)	2
Kavanagh	(Oldham)	2
Caton	(Accrington Stanley)	2
Gwengwe	(Newport County)	2

GOSH JOSH!

JOSH MARCH scored a "cheekiest goal of the season" contender as CREWE made it three wins from three in all competitions.

Striker March *(below)* made the difference in a 1-0 win at home to NORTHAMPTON that left Cobblers keeper Zach Jeacock red-faced.

March loitered around a post in the hope Jeacock would put the ball down — he obliged and the Crewe striker nipped in.

Alex boss Lee Bell said: "It was bright thinking from Josh."

Northampton boss Chris Hogg felt it could have been chalked off.

He said: "It was clever play but there are ambiguities around the laws of the game as their player left the pitch."

BARNET are top on goal difference thanks to a 3-1 win at SHREWSBURY, who sit bottom of the table.

SALFORD — tipped by many for promotion — are also pointless after Lee Bonis' early goal earned visitors CHESTERFIELD a 1-0 victory.

handled by FA Allen

OF HIS OWN

referee Andrew Kitchen for simulation.

Taty knew exactly what he was doing.

His intent to fool the official and the opposition was 100 per cent clear.

So how on earth is an involuntary handball judged worse than a deliberate dive?

The only difference is that Taty was unsuccessful in his attempt to fool the officials.

Why should a player escape serious punishment just because the referee caught him in the act?

If the FA are truly serious about stamping out deceit, intent must be punished severely. Taty's yellow card for that shameless plunge should be retroactively upgraded to a red.

Instead, the rulemakers let deliberate cheaters off with a slap on the wrist while hammering accidental handballs.

It is absolute madness from the blazers who simply do not understand the reality of professional football. There is no VAR in the Championship and most fans, myself included, agree that is a good thing.

We accept human error as part of the natural rhythm of the game.

West Ham's Konstantinos Mavropanos appeared to be fouled before Charlton scored their second goal at the London Stadium. With VAR, that goal may have been chalked off.

Yet we take the rough with the smooth because the alternative is endless delays.

But if the FA are going to sit in offices on Monday morning re-refereeing matches, what is the point?

If they are going to hand out stupid retrospective bans, they might as well just bring in VAR.

This half-baked middle ground is creating the absolute worst of both worlds for EFL clubs.

Did Heggebo intend to cheat? No. Did Taty intend to cheat? Absolutely.

It is time the FA stopped punishing split-second accidents and started cracking down on actual cheats.

TAT'S A DIVE . . . Castellanos

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Kane's got No 1 spot

HARRY KANE became the first Englishman to be voted Germany's footballer of the year.

The England skipper netted 61 goals in all comps for Bayern Munich in 2025-26.

Kane, 33, received the 2026 Golden Boot on Wednesday as Europe's top scorer last term.

And on Saturday he helped Bayern beat rivals Borussia Dortmund 2-1 to lift the German Super Cup *(right)*.

ACTION ABROAD

LA LIGA

Real Betis 1 Real Sociedad 0; Athletic Bilbao 1 Sevilla 3; Espanyol 1 Real Madrid 2; Valencia 0 Celta Vigo 0; Atletico Madrid 2 Villarreal 2; Elche 0 Barcelona 5; Getafe 1 Racing Santander 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sevilla	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Alaves	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Atl Madrid	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Barcelona	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Espanyol	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Real Madrid	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Real Betis	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Getafe	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Villarreal	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
D La Coruna	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Celta Vigo	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Valencia	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
R Santander	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
R Vallecano	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Elche	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
Osasuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Sociedad	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ath Bilbao	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Malaga	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Levante	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

SERIE A

Genoa 0 Napoli 2; Inter Milan 4 Monza 1; Parma 0 Cagliari 1; Udinese 1 Como 1; Atalanta 2 Sassuolo 1; Frosinone 0 Juventus 1; Torino 1 AC Milan 2; Venezia 0 Lecce 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inter Milan	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Lecce	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Napoli	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
AC Milan	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Atalanta	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Cagliari	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Juventus	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Como	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Udinese	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Bologna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiorentina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lazio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sassuolo	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Torino	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Frosinone	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Parma	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Genoa	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Venezia	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Monza	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

LIGUE 1

Marseille 4 Strasbourg 0; Le Mans 2 Brest 2; Lens 5 Auxerre 2; Nice 0 Lorient 0; Toulouse 0 Lyon 2; Troyes 0 Paris FC 0; Angers 0 Lille 2; Le Havre 0 Monaco 1; Rennes 2 PSG 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marseille	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Lens	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Lille	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Lyon	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Monaco	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Brest	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Le Mans	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
PSG	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Rennes	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Lorient	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Nice	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Paris FC	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Troyes	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Le Havre	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Angers	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Toulouse	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Auxerre	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Strasbourg	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

EREDIVISIE

Fortuna Sittard 0 AZ 2; Heerenveen 0 PEC Zwolle 2; NEC P Excelsior P; Sparta 3 Utrecht 3; Cambuur 2 Feyenoord 5; Go Ahead Eagles 3 ADO Den Haag 1; PSV 5 Groningen 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AZ	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
Go Ahead E	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
PSV	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
Feyenoord	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
Groningen	3	2	0	1	7	7	6
Ajax	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Sparta	3	1	1	1	6	5	4
F Sittard	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Heerenveen	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Excelsior	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
NEC	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Twente	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Telstar	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
PEC Zwolle	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Utrecht	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
Willem II	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
ADO Den Haag	3	0	0	3	2	9	0
Cambuur	3	0	0	3	3	12	0

PRO LEAGUE

Standard Liege 2 La Louviere 0; Antwerp 4 Genk 4; Charleroi 2 Mechelen 0; Zulte-Waregem 4 Beveren 0; Club Brugge 1 Cercle Brugge 0; Lommel 4 Westerlo 0.

SCOTLAND

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 DUNDEE (1) 2

Att: 13,337

Wright 43
O Bevan 57

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Dundee	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
St Mirren	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Motherwell	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Hearts	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
St Johnstone	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Hibernian	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Aberdeen	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Rangers	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Falkirk	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Dundee Utd	3	0	1	2	1	7	1
Kilmarnock	2	0	0	2	4	9	0

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP

Played Friday

INVERNESS (0) 1 PARTICK (1) 1

Bavidge 89

Drozd 17
Att: 2,809

Played Saturday

LIVINGSTON (1) 2 DUNFERMLNE (0) 0

van Hoeven 45
Muirhead 90

Att: 2,957

MORTON (0) 1 ARBROATH (1) 2

Black 48

Bonnar 20, O'Brien 90
Att: 1,869

QUEEN'S PRK (0) 0 STENHSMUIR (0) 2

Att: 886

O'Reilly 49
Buchanan 84

RAITH (2) 2 AYR (0) 0

Dowds 8, 15

Att: 3,249

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stenhousemuir	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Raith	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Partick	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Livingston	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Ayr	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Arbroath	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Inverness CT	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Dunfermline	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Morton	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
Queen's Park	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE

AIRDRIE (0) 1 ROSS CNTY (2) 3

COVE (0) 3 PETERHEAD (0) 0

EAST FIFE (0) 0 HAMILTON (0) 0

MONTROSE (2) 3 E KILBRIDE (0) 0

QN OF STH (0) 0 ALLOA (0) 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	4	3	1	0	10	0	10
Ross County	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
East Kilbride	4	2	1	1	9	5	7
Alloa	4	2	1	1	5	1	7
Peterhead	4	2	0	2	3	5	6
East Fife	4	1	2	1	3	2	5
Cove Rangers	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Montrose	4	1	0	3	4	10	3
Airdrieonians	4	0	2	2	2	8	2
Queen of Sth	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO

CLYDE (2) 3 FORFAR (0) 0

EDINBURGH C (0) 1 ANNAN ATH (0) 0

KELTY (2) 3 DUMBARTON (1) 1

SPARTANS (1) 3 ELGIN (2) 3

STIRLING (0) 2 STRANRAER (2) 2

Tracking Palacios

IPSWICH remain in the hunt for Argentina's Exequiel Palacios.

The Tractor Boys have seen three bids turned down by Bayer Leverkusen for the midfielder, 27.

The latest was £25.7million including add-ons yet Leverkusen want £29.9m.

Palacios *(left)* is keen on a Premier League switch, however.

And Leverkusen sporting director Simon Rolfes has confirmed negotiations are ongoing.

Add Mart to the cart

AL-HILAL are pursuing Arsenal winger Gabriel Martinelli.

Martinelli, 25, was left out of the Gunners' squad for Friday's 3-0 win over Coventry.

Saudi representatives are understood to have contacted his camp and the Brazilian *(left)* is open to the move but Arsenal want £60m.

Atletico Madrid fans booed Gunners transfer target Julian Alvarez as he warmed up and when he went on as a sub in the LaLiga draw with Villarreal.

Eagles goin' for Bowen

£50M HAMMERS RAID

DILEMMA . . . Bowen is loved by fans but could bring in vital funds

EXCLUSIVE by JON WEST

CRYSTAL PALACE are preparing to launch an audacious £50million bid to lure Jarrod Bowen back to the Premier League.

West Ham skipper Bowen, 29, pledged to stay at the club this season despite relegation to the Championship – and signed a new contract.

But that is not putting off Palace, who are set to sell current right winger Ismaila Sarr *(right)*.

The Hammers' financial woes are no secret – and moving on their talisman would go a long way towards easing those pressures.

It would also boost Bowen's chances of breaking back into the England squad after being overlooked for this summer's World Cup finals.

New boss Pierre Sage's Palace – 2-0 opening weekend losers at Everton – are looking at Bowen to replace Sarr, who is keen to leave for Galatasaray.

The Turkish giants are hoping to conclude a £34m switch this week. Sage is said to want Sarr to stay but the Senegal star, 28, is after Champions League football – and was not part of the Eagles' squad for their visit to Merseyside on Saturday.

Sarr scored an impressive 21 goals for Palace across the board last season, helping them to win the Conference League.

He also found the net four times for Senegal at the World Cup.

Bowen managed only 11 strikes in all competitions for West Ham, who went down on the last day of the season.

But the former Hull forward's departure would spark a huge fan backlash as manager Nuno Espirito Santo's side are winless in the Championship so far.

Taty Castellanos missed a stoppage-time penalty in Saturday's 2-1 home defeat by Charlton, with supporters puzzled as to why Bowen did not take it.

Palace were front runners to sign Bowen from Hull in January 2020 – but it was West Ham who ended up paying £22m for him on deadline day.

VILLA AIM TO GET ORD ON BOARD

ASTON VILLA have made contact with Club Brugge over a move for Ecuador defender Joel Ordonez.

By JON WEST

Villa need a centre-back replacement for England's Ezri Konsa, who joined Arsenal in a £55million deal last week.

An £18m bid for Taylor Harwood-Bellis, 24, was knocked back by Southampton and that has opened the door for Ordonez, 22 – but the Belgian club are demanding around £30m.

Ordonez *(right)*, who joined Brugge in 2023, starred in Ecuador's shock 2-1 win over Germany in the World Cup finals in June.

Villa have also enquired about Crystal Palace's want-away striker Jean-Philippe Mateta.

The Frenchman, 29, is trying to get the last ten months of his contract cancelled so he can leave.

Germany midfielder Leon Goretzka, 31, should seal his move as a free agent in the next few days.

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MANCHESTER UNITED teen Jacob Devaney has joined Hibernian on a season-long loan.

The Scottish club also negotiated an option to make the move permanent for the midfielder, 19.

HULL are close to adding former England youth international Mohamed-Ali Cho to their squad.

A deal worth up to £15.4million is being finalised with French outfit Nice for the forward, 22.

Cho, an Everton youth player, won England caps up to Under-16 level before switching to France.

GENOA look set to sign controversial Preston striker Milutin Osmajic, 27, in a £2million deal.

The Montenegro man was banned for biting, racially abusing and headbutting opponents in his three seasons at North End.